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NANKING PROTESTS TO BRITISH AMBASSADOR

Asked To Instruct Hong Kong To Halt Forcible Measures

"Important Agreement"

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Commenting on the recently announced Sino-Hong Kong financial agreement signed in August last year, the Chinese-owned "China Daily Tribune" said this morning that the "important agreement" should check the "heavy flight of capital from China to Hong Kong and also serve to lessen speculation and other objectionable practices."

The agreement "should help to prevent any evasion of China's import regulations and thus serve to reduce smuggling," the paper added.—Reuter.

Gold Bars Seized

TWELVE BARS OF GOLD, VALUED AT MORE THAN \$18,000, WERE SEIZED BY CHIEF PREVENTIVE OFFICER MACINTYRE BROWN'S MEN AT KAI TAK AIRFIELD YESTERDAY.

The contraband gold was discovered allegedly on a passenger about to leave by air for a Chinese city.

Since the total ban on import and export of gold was imposed six months ago by the Hong Kong authorities, the Preventive Section of the Imports and Exports Department has seized approximately 6,766 ounces of gold besides a number of gold coins—sovereigns and US\$20 pieces.

The approximate value of the half year's total seizures is \$2,000,000.

Important Truman Message Today

Washington, Jan. 5.
The White House told the United States in advance today that the President's "State of the Union" message to Congress would be "of extreme importance" and announced that he would deliver it in person at 6.30 p.m. GMT on Wednesday.

The message, calling for urgent action on the Marshall Plan and domestic inflation, would run to about 5,000 words and take 40 minutes to deliver.

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"Ex-Tenants" Call On Mr. T.W. Kwok

Nanking, Jan. 6.
The Chinese Government today lodged a protest with the British Embassy here against the forcible measures taken by the Hong Kong Government for the eviction of some 2,000 Chinese residents from the old walled Kowloon City.

Mr. Shih Chao-ying, acting Director of the Information Department of the Foreign Office, stated that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs protested to the British Embassy today about the eviction of Chinese residents in Kowloon City and requested the Hong Kong Government to telegraph the Chinese Government to stop the forcible measures now being taken.—Central News.

"Administrative Matter"

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Mr. S. P. Labouchere, Counselor of the British Embassy, said today that the Kowloon eviction question was "purely an administrative matter for the Hong Kong Government."

He said the eviction order was issued for reasons of public health and the danger of fire.

The Chinese Foreign Office spokesman declined to comment on the reported Hong Kong Government's decision to use force in executing its eviction order.

According to an unconfirmed report, the Chinese Foreign Office was expected to make new representations to the Hong Kong Government and make public a statement on the negotiations between the two Governments on the matter.

A well-informed source said all previous Chinese representations have been rejected by the Hong Kong authorities.—United Press.

The Scene

A scene of desolation, utter and complete, met the eye yesterday as one looked on the place in Kowloon City where, up to early on Monday morning, had stood some 54 matchsheds housing approximately 800 persons and some knitting factories.

The work of demolition commenced at 7 a.m. on Monday, was continued until 1 p.m. yesterday when the last wooden shed was pulled down by the authorities.

A considerably smaller posse of P. Her than on Monday was present during the operations "just to maintain law and order" as a Police officer put it.

The area was littered with broken pieces of tiles, bricks, thin wooden boards, and broken earthenware utensils. Here and there were seen an abandoned pair of slipper or clogs.

On some of the sites were grouped the former occupiers of the premises erected there. Women, with babies in their arms or at their breasts, were squatting or sitting around their menfolk who were discussing their future.

Asphalt sheets, corrugated iron sheets, wooden boards and nails, formerly the building materials of the matchsheds, were being offered for sale to marine-store hawkers.

Approached by the "China Mail" several of the inhabitants said that, for the present at least, they have no alternative but to continue occupying the sites "as we have nowhere else to go."

Call On Mr. Kwok

Some 40 men, women and children endeavoured to secure the services yesterday of Mr. T. W. Kwok, Chinese Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, as an intervenor with the Hong Kong Government.

They swarmed into his offices in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank building at 4 p.m. and refused to discuss the matter with the representative he sent out to speak to them. He eventually saw them at 7 p.m.

They demanded relief in the form of alternative accommodation. If he could not provide this, they asked him to negotiate with the Hong Kong Government for permission for them to remain on the land now that the unauthorised structures and obstructions have been removed.

Mr. Kwok replied that the matter was still under negotiation between the Chinese and British Governments. He would, therefore, be unable to do anything until these negotiations were concluded.

Kowloon City Men Charged

Chu Pui-long, 32, described as a farmer, and Lau Ngai-fu, 27, described as a partner in the Hop Hing Knitting Factory, were brought before Mr. W. A. Blar-Kerr, at Kowloon yesterday.

They were charged with "inciting other persons to resist H.W.E. Heath (Commanding Officer of the Police Force in Kowloon and New Territories), a Police officer, and other officers of the Police when acting in the execution of their duty on Jan. 6."

Chu, dressed in a black Chinese suit, and Lau, dressed in a khaki battledress, presented a very stoic exterior. They made no reply when informed that they were remanded for 72 hours in Police custody.

Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence L. R. Whann presided.

BUSY DAY FOR FIREMEN



A chimney fire which broke out at the rear of 74 Hollywood Road about 11.30 a.m. yesterday caused considerable excitement in the vicinity. It was, however, quickly put out when two appliances from Central arrived (above). Little damage was done and no one was hurt.

At about 6.30 p.m., the Fire Brigade was called out to put out another chimney fire at 6 Tung Shing Lane.

More serious damage was done by a fire in a knitting factory at 60 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon, opposite the Precious Blood Hospital, at 5.25 p.m. The fire started with two bales of raw cotton in the outhouse which was burnt out. A brushing machine was seriously damaged.

Two appliances from Kowloon Fire Station put out the fire some twenty minutes after their arrival.—"China Mail" Photo.

"VAN HEUTSZ" PIRATES DEMAND HUGE SUM

SIX PASSENGERS STILL HELD

One hundred thousand Hong Kong dollars per hostage has been demanded as ransom money by the pirates who seized control of the 4,000-ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz" on Dec. 14-15 some 80 miles north-east of the Colony, and kidnapped six passengers.

This was reported in Chinese messages from Swatow yesterday. Confirmation was not available in Hong Kong. Mr. A. H. Elston, Director of Criminal Investigation, said it was the first he had heard of it.

Relatives of some of the hostages told the "China Mail" that they were still anxiously waiting for news of kidnapped persons.

The messages from Swatow said that the ransom letters had been received by the hostages' relatives in the Swatow district. They were signed by "Chief Pirate Ling."

The ransom demanded was ordered to be handed over at a certain point in Bias Bay close to Swatow. No threats were mentioned in letters. Neither was there any information on the health of the hostages.

Loot 'Sdd'

Unconfirmed reports from Canton yesterday added that a travelling trader from Swatow reported that a large amount of Hong Kong and Straits currency was offered, and said at "very low rates" in Swatow shortly after the piracy. The money is believed to have been part of the loot taken from "Van Heutsz" passengers, then estimated at HK\$2,000,000.

The six kidnapped passengers are Parkson Chan, Chinese Commissioner for Overseas Affairs in Swatow; Tan Kit-chang, son of the Singapore millionaire, Tan Kah-kee; Pak Ki-po, manager of the Swatow Municipal Bank, K. P. Young, official of Wing On Insurance branch in Swatow; Tan Cheng-seng and Tung Kong-plat, both officials of a local Chinese bank.

BALDUR VON SCHIRACH'S WIFE



His wife, Mrs. Baldur von Schirach, who is serving a 20-year term in the Spandau Prison for war crimes, is seen before a German court. She is accused of being a "leading figure" in the Nazi movement.

Shanghai Speculators React Sharply

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Speculative markets generally dropped sharply today as Washington reports suggested that long-range United States aid to China might surpass Marshall's earlier estimate of \$300,000,000.

The Stock Market opened high at CN\$25 for Wing On Textiles, which is the pilot share. As reports of "more optimistic U.S. loan outlook" reached the market the price dropped to CN\$20 but recovered slightly to the CN\$21.5 level.

The black market rate for U.S. Dollar hovered around CN\$100,000 and speculators expect possible sudden shifts in the rates in the event the Chinese Government makes definite pronouncements regarding currency reforms with U.S. loan funds.

Persistent but unconfirmed reports say Government plans to devote as much as US\$700,000,000—partly from its own funds and partly from U.S. credit—for currency reform which speculators believe would involve the version of the present fiat into a new currency at nominal value.

Market operators are clearly watching American aid prospects and the ups and downs of Congress deliberations in the new few months are expected to cause dramatic fluctuations on the China markets.—United Press

BURMESE EMBASSY

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Although the date of the Burmese Ambassador's arrival is yet unknown, the Burmese Embassy has been formally opened.

Temporarily in charge is Sao Boun Hwa as the First Secretary. China's first Ambassador to Burma, Dr. Tu Yu-dan, will decide on the date of his departure after the return of Dr. George Yeh, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, who attended the independence celebrations in Rangoon as China's Ambassador-Extraordinary.—Reuter-AAP.

Opium Found In Hams

OPIUM TRAFFICKERS IN HONG KONG ALMOST GOT AWAY WITH ABOUT 600 TAE OF RAW OPIUM, IMPORTED FROM KUNMING BY AIR, RECENTLY, THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNED LAST NIGHT.

Three men, allegedly connected with the case, have been charged and released on bail of \$10,000 each.

Recently a man arrived from Kunming with a case of Yunnan hams by air. The case was entrusted to him in Kunming to be taken delivery of by another person in Hong Kong.

As he was told he could have one ham for himself, he opened the case in his home and removed one. On slicing off a portion he found it contained opium.

The police were informed. Five other hams in the case of about 10 were also found to contain raw opium.

Watch was kept and when a claimant called for the case he was arrested. The two other men were arrested later.

China's Progress In Communications

Nanking, Jan. 6.
Communications Minister Yu Ta-wei told the United Press today that he believed greater progress was made during 1947 in the development of China's communications than in any similar period during the last 50 years.

He said that despite constant Communist destruction the total number of rail miles constructed during the year exceeded the number of miles destroyed.

Yu said that when the rail gap between Chenchow and Nanchang is restored the rehabilitation of all railroads in South China will have been completed. He said the completion of this gap had "first priority" in the programme of the Communications Ministry for 1948.

Detailing the record of accomplishments during the past year, Yu pointed out that the Peiping-Kaiwan-Suiyang railroad, which is 800 kilometres long, has been reopened with all former temporary bridges replaced by permanent steel spans; the Taiman-Pukow rail-line of 400 kilometres has been completed and opened to traffic; in South China the Hongyang line of 400 kilometres long was completed in the same period, while the Nanking-Shanghai and Hankow-Canton links have been greatly improved and at present equal if not superior to the prewar condition.

He said the railway rehabilitation programme is divided into three stages: (1) sufficient restoration of roads so that the first train can pass through; (2) restoration of roads and service to the prewar standards; (3) modernisation of the service beyond the prewar standards.

Not only will back pay not be paid out but increases will not be paid until, at the earliest, the end of February, on probably, end of March.

The reason given was that the working out of the new scales and grades will necessarily be a long process. Payment of salaries for January, possibly February, will consequently be made on the current scale of establishment.

Other Fields

Turning to achievements in other fields, Yu cited the building of a new concrete railway in

the Lufghwa airfield which had greatly improved air facilities at Shanghai; the development of Tangku harbour, in the past winter to a point where it could handle 3,000 to 5,000 ton ships; the building of a new wharf near Woosung which would permit cargoes from abroad to be shipped directly to Nanking and interior points; the increased speed and efficiency of the postal and telegraph service.

As an example of the difficulties encountered by the Government in the railroad rehabilitation programme in face of Communist destruction, Yu pointed out that the Peiping-Faoing railroad was built seven times during the past year.—United Press

The Weather

An intense depression has developed over the north of the Sea of Japan and is at present almost stationary. A weak anti-cyclone centred over Chekiang is moving very slowly eastwards. Pressure is low over equatorial regions.

Today's forecast—Light or moderate E winds, fog and haze.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 64.1 deg. F.
Minimum: 51.4 deg. F.
Rainfall: 0.1 inch.
Total since Jan. 1—1.11 inch.
Average of 21 years: 0.2 inch.
Radiant at 10 a.m. 59.4 deg. F.
Sun at 11 a.m. 60.4 deg. F.
Sun at 12 noon 61.4 deg. F.
Sun at 1 p.m. 62.4 deg. F.
Sun at 2 p.m. 63.4 deg. F.
Sun at 3 p.m. 64.4 deg. F.
Sun at 4 p.m. 65.4 deg. F.
Sun at 5 p.m. 66.4 deg. F.
Sun at 6 p.m. 67.4 deg. F.
Sun at 7 p.m. 68.4 deg. F.
Sun at 8 p.m. 69.4 deg. F.
Sun at 9 p.m. 70.4 deg. F.
Sun at 10 p.m. 71.4 deg. F.
Sun at 11 p.m. 72.4 deg. F.
Sun at 12 midnight 73.4 deg. F.

JUNKS MAY BE FITTED WITH RADIO RECEIVERS

Royal Observatory Director On Weather Warnings

A scheme is on foot to equip selected fishing junks with radio receivers to enable them to pick up typhoon warnings broadcast over ZEK, for them to transmit such warnings to other junks.

This was revealed by Mr. G.S.P. Heywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, at a Press conference yesterday.

Mr. Heywood said the idea did not originate from the tragic loss of fishing vessels from the typhoon which missed the Colony last year. It was in the offing before the war, and but for its outbreak might have been put into practice long ago.

Mr. Cater, Head of the Fishery Department, was keenly interested in the scheme. Mr. Heywood said, and a trial set is being experimented with in a fishing junk. Who is going to bear the cost of the receivers has not been decided.

The temperature and humidity up to 12,000 feet are observed daily, weather permitting, by an aircraft of the Far East Flying School.

The knowledge gained by upper air observation, said Mr. Heywood, is essential both to the weather forecaster and to the air navigator, and it is hoped it will be possible to install modern radio gonde and radar-wind equipment for sounding the atmosphere to great heights in any weather.

Radar can also be used for locating rainstorms within about 150 miles, and the installation of a set for this purpose is under consideration.

Boon To Fisherfolk

The scheme it is believed, will be a boon to fisherfolk and will help to warn them out of touch with land warnings to make for shelter and safety in time. Warning would be issued

Air Pilots

Mr. Heywood explained the service which the Observatory provide for air pilots in particular. Because of the importance of this work a meteorological



Mr. Heywood, director of the Royal Observatory, is here seen (right) with Mr. Marack, the Government P.R.O., at his press conference yesterday. ("China Mail" photo).

twice daily, said Mr. Heywood during the morning and evening weather broadcasts.

Mr. Heywood related the strides that the Observatory had made since its establishment in 1884, primarily to warn the Colony of typhoons. Though this is still its most important function, the branches of its work and the scope of its service and usefulness have increased immensely.

In addition to providing a weather service for the general public, it also provides weather information for merchant shipping and the British Pacific Fleet, and has undertaken the whole of the meteorological work at Kai Tak airport both for civil and service aircraft.

Meteorological instruments removed by the Japanese have now been replaced, said Mr. Heywood, and complete surface observations are now made hourly, day and night.

The Upper Winds

Observations of upper winds are made twice daily, weather permitting, by means of pilot balloons.

Reminders

Today
H.K. Football League Management Committee meeting, Association Office, 5.15 p.m.
Stage Club casting meeting, Students' Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Sino-British Club Orchestra, St. John's Cathedral, 8 p.m.
Junior Shield - Replay (Kit Chee v. C. Cadre), Navy Ground, 8 p.m.

Coming Events
TOMORROW
Chinese Patriotic Cable Censor, (1935-41), New York Reception Dinner, Kowloon Long Garden City Club, 7 p.m.

Colombo, Jan. 6.
Indians who genuinely desire to make Ceylon their permanent home will be entitled to Ceylon citizenship, provided they have certain necessary qualifications, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, the Ceylon Prime Minister, told a press conference here today, on this subject. He said that the Indian people of Ceylon, who have been in the country since the Indian people were brought to Ceylon by the British, should be given the same rights as the Ceylon people.

Lived By Her Wits

When Shu Lui, 21-year-old married woman, appeared on remand before Mr. W.H. Latimer yesterday on the charge of larceny of a mah-jongg set, Inspector J. Orem said that inquiries had been made at defendant's address at 516 Shanghai Street, second floor.

The principal tenant stated that defendant lived there before the war with her parents. Accused actually lived in Canton with her husband, but returned to Hong Kong three months ago.

Her pitiful condition, when she came back to the Colony, prompted the principal tenant to take her in and give her temporary shelter. Accused had no children and no work.

The principal tenant also told the Police that defendant had been going out early in the mornings and returning late at nights. She was obviously living by her wits, concluded Inspector Orem.

Defendant was ordered to be expelled from Colony.

MANILA ALMOST SHIVERS

Manila, Jan. 6.
Temperature reached the postwar low of 61 degrees Fahrenheit this morning in downtown Manila, drawing newspaper headlines.
An all-time low of 58.1 was recorded on Jan. 11, 1914.—Associated Press.

Bus Driver Fined \$500

THE FATAL ACCIDENT OUTSIDE 333 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AT 9.50 P.M. ON MONDAY WAS RECALLED BEFORE MR. W.A. BLAIR-KERR AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY. WHEN WONG WING-KWONG, 34, DRIVER OF BUS 4613, WAS CHARGED WITH DANGEROUS DRIVING.

According to Traffic Inspector J. Serim, defendant was driving bus 4613 from Kowloon City towards Nathan Road, with 10 passengers, at a normal speed.

When near Leven Road two tricycles appeared being driven in the same direction and abreast of each other.

Defendant was in his normal position. He said he was dazzled by the lights of an oncoming bus. He switched off his head lamps and put on his side lamp.

Wong stated that he drove for 25 to 30 feet with the side-lamps when his vehicle hit something which he could not see.

He found out later that it was a tricycle and that, after the impact, the tricycle had come apart. The tricycle, said Inspector Serim, was pushed 26' 6", and its driver was just beyond that. Defendant stopped his bus 67 feet from the peddler.

The tricycle, said Inspector Serim, had a rear reflector which was not much good. The tricycle driver died a few hours after admission to hospital.

Defendant stated that he had been driving for the past ten years and been employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. for a year.

He was fined \$500, with his licence suspended for three months.

Shipwreck Off Alaska

Kodiak, Jan. 6.
Thirteen half-frozen shipwreck survivors, including two women and a small boy, were rescued from the stormy Alaskan coast by a Coast Guard landing party today.

A search crew landed through heavy breakers to reach the shore of the southern tip of the Alaskan peninsula, where the shipwreck "Spencer" went aground five days ago. The survivors were carried on board the cutter "Clover."

Three men were suffering from frozen feet. All the survivors suffered from cold and exposure after huddling in rude shelters and behind rocks in sub-zero temperatures. United Press.

Letters From Readers

School Fees

Sir,—I understand that the Private School Masters Union are going to send a petition to the Director of Education saying that there are hardships for them to receive school fees monthly and asking the Authorities to allow them to continue to receive the school fees for the whole term in advance. All they think is only for their own profits regardless the difficulties of the public community.

It is a fact that since the liberation many private school masters have made much money in running their schools.

In this case I hope that the Authorities should take the public benefit to dissolve this matter and control the private school fees which are too high now.

If these private school masters have made contracts for employment of their teachers for the whole term, they may be allowed to make agreement with the students' parents or guardians for the school fees for the whole term, but they should be paid by monthly instalment as they are used to pay salary to their contract teachers monthly. This arrangement can eliminate all the difficulties in both sides.

JUSTICE.

(Government schools and most private schools charge a term's fees in advance.—Ed.)

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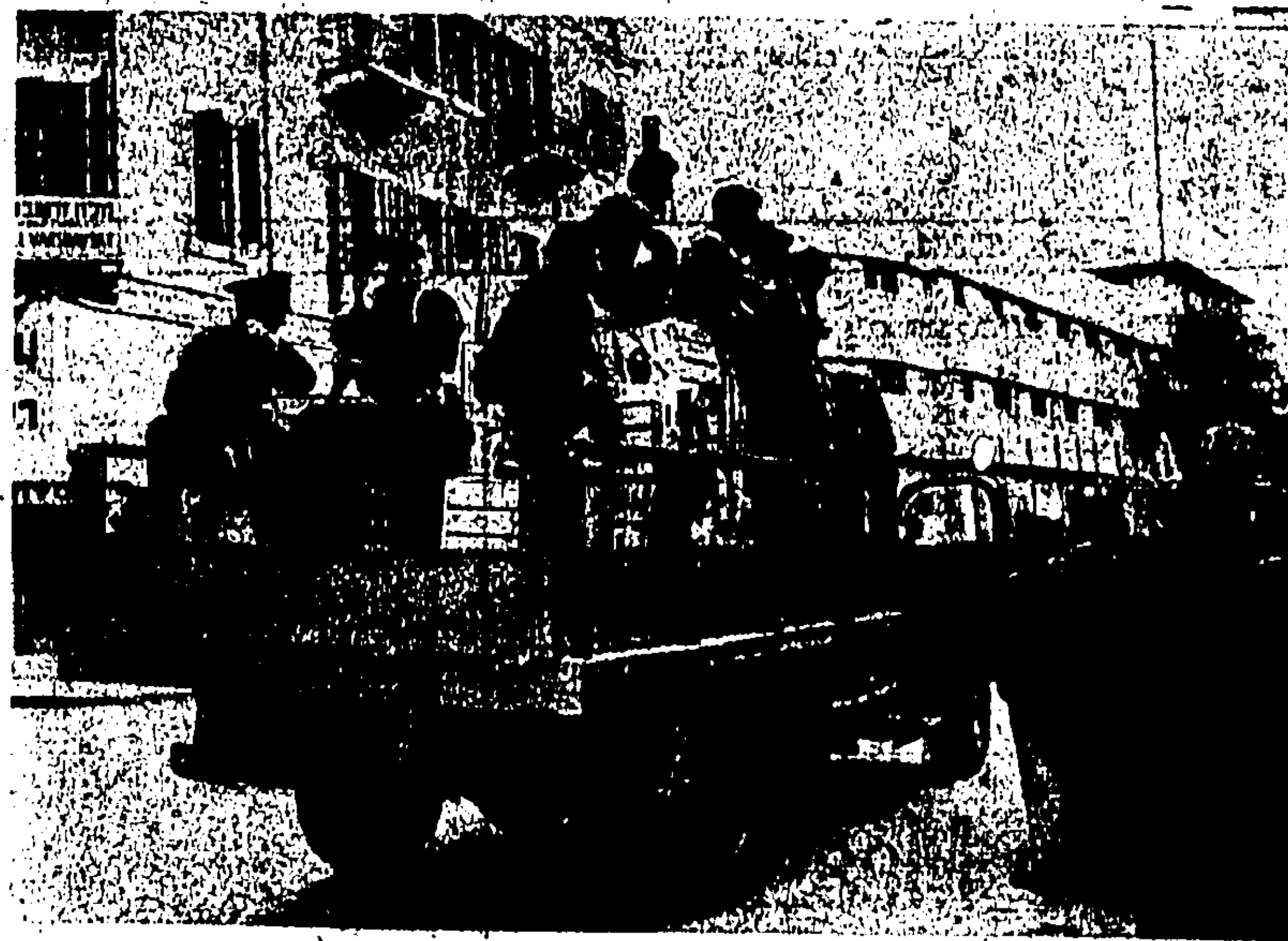
Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—H. J. Widdons, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Mott, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beales, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. G. Tilley, A. S. Orr, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Zylstra.

Peninsula departures:—F. H. Crowther, Rev. A. Rossi, Rev. H. Pielke, F. O. Berge, Mrs. R. Louis, Mrs. E. Hoffmann, Rev. V. Aguilera, Rev. E. Breikopt, R. S. Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. Vosberg.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Tomas Cabanglas and Miss Maria Razon has been announced.

When Chan Tak, a 55-year-old man teaching at 51 Gough Street, first floor, did not come out of the kitchen at 6.30 p.m. yesterday evening, his pupils went in and found him dead on the floor. Cause of death is unknown.

IN STRIFE-TORN JERUSALEM



A Haganah truck loaded with supplies starts for the Old City of Jerusalem on Dec. 20, carrying two British police constables armed with tommy guns. The Jews in the Old City, surrounded by Arabs, are literally imprisoned there, and food has to come from other Jewish sections of the city. In the background is seen the Jerusalem police headquarters. (A.P. photo.)

Alleged Fraud Of New Plan Bags Of Sugar For CAT Status

The story of how Tse Hui-fung, 40-year-old President of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Soy & Preserved Fruits Merchants Mutual Association of 354 Prince Edward Road, allegedly defrauded members of the Association of 780 bags of sugar during each of the last four months was told to Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr by Det. Sub-Inspector V. M. Morrison at Kowloon yesterday.

On Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ informing the Court that, although he had made every endeavour to contact his client, he had failed to get in touch with Tse, the Magistrate ordered the \$10,000 bail to be returned. A warrant, for Tse's arrest was also issued.

Tse was originally charged on Dec. 20 last with fraudulent conversion of \$8,304 received for or on behalf of Cheng Kin-kee of the Hang Chun Yuen Co. on Sept. 27, 1947. He was remanded three times on bail of \$10,000.

Mr. Hin-sing Lo successfully applied for the restitution of 147 bags, (weighing 17,041 lbs. and valued officially at \$7,830) of sugar seized by the Police at the premises of the Kwok Wah Hong at 131 Cheung Sha Wan Road on Dec. 20, the members of the Association.

Detailing the facts of the case, DSI Morrison said that Tse had been the Chairman of the H.K. & K. Soy & Preserved Fruits Merchants Mutual Association for the past 11 years.

He was the Association's representative to the S.T. & L. for obtaining the monthly quota of the manufacture of the members' goods.

On Sept. 27 Tse collected a total of \$77,816 from the members for payment of the sugar ration.

Instead of collecting the sugar and distributing it to the members, alleged DSI Morrison, Tse sold the whole lot on the black-market. He did the same thing with the October, November and December issues.

Letter

Defendant, it was stated, admitted to members that he had collected the sugar and that he had sold it on the black-market. He wrote a letter stating that he would obtain the sugar for the members at the end of the month.

On the complaint of Cheng Kin-kee, Tse was arrested on Friday, Dec. 19. He was brought before the Court on the following day booked on a charge of larceny, with Cheng named as the complainant.

On information supplied by Tse, went on DSI Morrison, he visited 131 Cheung Sha Wan Road, occupied by the Kwok Wah Hong, and saw the manager of the firm.

He learned later that Tse had collected 780 bags of sugar from the S.T. & L. on Dec. 17 and sold it to the Kwok Wah Hong that same night. Of the 780 bags (totaling the black-market value of \$42,000 and an official value of \$42,408), only 147 bags (weighing 17,041 lbs. and officially valued at \$7,830) were found on the premises of the Kwok Wah Hong.

Seven Issues

From inquiries said DSI Morrison, it was learned that defendant had been receiving at this sort of thing for some months and had obtained in all, seven

Nanking, Jan. 6.

A Communications Ministry spokesman said an agreement under which Major-General Chennault's China Air Transport would be placed on the same commercial level as China's old airlines had been drawn and submitted to the Executive Yuan for approval.

The CAT was originally formed in conjunction with UNRRA activities in China.

The spokesman said Chennault visited Communication Minister Yu Tsi-wei yesterday to discuss the new agreement. The spokesman declined to disclose its details.

It is known in aviation circles that Chennault has long tried to place CAT on the same footing as China's Commercial Airlines—China National Aviation Corporation and Central Air Transport Corporation—despite the opposition of both airlines.

The Central Daily News said that under the agreement which will be signed between Chennault and the Ministry of Communications upon approval by the Executive Yuan Chennault's China Air Transport will concentrate on airlifting cargo, centering many of its operations in the Hankow area.

The agreement will remove CAT from the special category it was given when it was founded and place it directly under the Ministry's Civil Aeronautics authority as one of China's old commercial airlines.—Associated Press.

CORRECTION

It was inadvertently stated in our report yesterday of a press conference given by the G.O.C. that the V.D. rate among the troops in Hong Kong was four or five a day. This should have read four or five a month.

Schoolboy Menaced By Two Men

For demanding money from schoolboys Chan Kwen and Hui Yu, unemployed, were yesterday sentenced to three months' imprisonment by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy and recommended for banishment.

Inspector Shaw said that the defendants approached a schoolboy in Seymour Road on Dec. 3 and demanded \$5, non-payment of which would result in him being assaulted. Lui Ka-lan, the schoolboy, told them that he was only a student and that he had no money.

Lui was further asked if he belonged to any "Lan Tsai" society and when he replied in the negative the first defendant told him that it was time that he was. Before defendants left him they told him that they would be back the following day and that they expected to have the \$5. On his return home the student told

his father who reported the matter to the Police station. The appointment was kept the following day and the two were arrested by the Police.

On further enquiries it was found out that another student had been approached by first defendant some time ago and asked to pay \$45 or he would be assaulted. A bargain took place and it was agreed that the amount should be paid by instalments.

Inspector Shaw concluded that no mention of the name of any society was made. Cases of demanding money from school children were increasing.

ILLEGAL CARGO IN PANELLING

A considerable quantity of unmanifested cargo was seized by Revenue Officers who searched the s.s. "Hinsang" yesterday shortly before it was scheduled to sail for Shanghai.

Most of the cargo was found concealed allegedly behind the wooden panels of the crew's cabins, including some cabins of officers. The panels had been neatly cut with a fine saw and then placed.

The cargo included a large amount of playing cards, huck-saws and saccharine.

The alert eyes of Revenue Officer Humphreys, who headed the raiding party, resulted in the discovery of prepared opium inside a cooked chicken on board the vessel.

KLM To Call At Tengah

Singapore, Jan. 6.
"Constellation" aircraft of the Royal Dutch Airlines, (KLM), which until now have been compelled to fly direct between Bangkok and Batavia when on the Amsterdam-Batavia route will shortly begin twice-weekly landings at Tengah, the Royal Air Force field at Singapore.

This will increase the competition for Qantas, the Australian company (on the London to Sydney flight), whose "Constellations" make six landings fortnightly at Tengah.

KLM, who are shortly beginning a daily two-way service between Amsterdam and Batavia, asked for four or more landings weekly, but the Royal Air Force will allow only a total of eight weekly at Tengah to cover the needs of Qantas, KLM, British Overseas Airways and other airlines.—Reuter.

No Contact With The Generalissimo

Nanking, Jan. 6.
A source close to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said today that foreign correspondents no longer are permitted to contact the Generalissimo's office direct for information but must make inquiries through the Government Information Office.

The source emphasised this is not intended to place the "gag" on members of the Generalissimo's staff, but is in line with his order that only responsible officials, especially appointed to given news for publication, supply foreign correspondents with information.—Associated Press.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

H.K.T.
12.15 p.m.—STUDIO: Morning Prayers.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Light Varieties.
1.00 p.m.—Grieg: Lyric Suite, London Philharmonic Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.
2.00 p.m.—Grieg: Piano Concerto.
2.05 p.m.—STUDIO: Children's Half Hour B.B.C. Transcription Service "The Pilgrims Progress" by John Burt Foster.
2.30 p.m.—STUDIO: Anniversary Half Hour Presented by Monica Jackson.
2.50 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.
3.15 p.m.—Orchestra: Napolitano and Ennio Levi (Vocal).
3.30 p.m.—STUDIO: "Bring Your Music" Classical Request Programme, Presented by Marion Glover.
3.40 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.
3.50 p.m.—London Relay: News.
4.10 p.m.—Weather: Rain.
4.15 p.m.—Dance to Glenn Miller and His Orchestra.
4.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Dance Music" by P. C. Wien.
4.50 p.m.—Russett: Dances.
5.00 p.m.—STUDIO: Folklore Conducted by the Rev. Father E. Bourke, S.J.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

THE WHISKERS CLUB



Members of the Whiskers Club are invited to meet at the club on Wednesday, January 7, 1948, at 8.00 p.m. The club is open to all cat lovers and the meeting will be held at the club house, 10, Queen's Road, Hong Kong.

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ACCUSED TELLS OF QUARREL WHICH ENDED IN A BLOW

In a statement from the dock, Lit Chun alias Ng Chun, who is facing a charge of murder, admitted in a statement from the dock yesterday that in the course of a fight, alleged to have been instigated by the deceased, Ng Shui, he struck deceased a blow which caused the latter to fall backwards and that when he passed the spot next morning, he saw the body of deceased in the nullah with water flowing over it.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice).

Mr. A. J. Clifford, assisted by Det. Insp. G. E. Willerton, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

The accused, who is charged with having murdered Ng Shui at Aberdeen on July 28, is defended by Mr. Percy Chen, who has been assigned for the defence by the Crown.

In the course of his statement, Lit said that on the night July 28 he started to return home, accompanied by the deceased, Ng Shui. They talked about family matters and deceased brought up the quarrel between their wives. Lit said that he was warned to reproach his wife and informed that if he did not do so, he would not be given any "face" by deceased.

"Face"

Lit declared that he then told deceased that as they were both making a living, there was no question about "face." He also mentioned that they had never quarrelled before and that he had never talked about deceased.

He pointed out to deceased that the latter had told his wife that he, Lit, had obtained rice from him on credit, whereas it was the No. 1 foreman who gave him rice on credit. Lit said that he remonstrated with deceased for having acted in such a manner. After he had spoken thus to deceased, the latter abused him and struck him. Lit, two blows on the chest.

He then asked deceased: "How have I offended you?" deceased picked up two stones and threw them.

Lit asserted that he then ran away and went up the hill where two women were resting on the roadside. Deceased, who was following close behind, stopped near the women and shouted: "Younger brother, you need not

Struck By Stick

Deceased proceeded to return to Tai Hang and he followed. He was suddenly struck from behind by deceased with a stick. A struggle for the stick then took place, during which Lit was kicked into a nullah by deceased.

As the latter was standing on guard at the top of the nullah, his only means of escape was to run downwards. When he did this, he was pursued by deceased, who was still holding the stick.

He snatched the stick from deceased and started to climb the hillside. As he did so, deceased caught hold of his feet. To free himself, he struck deceased on the hand and the latter fell backwards. He took no more notice of deceased return that night and enquired of the neighbours and a clansman regarding deceased's whereabouts.

Wept

The following morning, on his way to work, he saw the body of deceased in the nullah. He went down and called out to deceased, but received no reply. He felt very sorry and wept. As the water was flowing over the body he moved it.

Lit claimed that he had only come out from the country recently and knew nothing about the laws of Hong Kong. He did not think of making a report to the Police about the incident. He was so frightened that he lost his senses and even overlooked making a report to deceased's family.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today, when the closing address will be delivered and Mr. Justice Williams will sum up to the jury.

Police Reserve

ESTABLISHMENT
(a) Resumption of duties
A.R.P. (R) Tso Hock On's leave expires on the 4th January, 1948. He will resume the duties of O.C. No. 2 Company with effect from 5.1.48.

(b) Appointment
His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Chan Chiu Chiu to be an Assistant Superintendent of the Hong Kong Police Reserve with effect from 22.12.47.

A.S.P. (R) Chan Chiu Chiu has been posted as Officer-in-charge of No. 4 Company H.K.P. (R).

LECTURES
Lectures on Charge Room Duties will be held at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters for members detailed from No. 2 Company on Tuesday, 6.1.48 at 17.45 hours sharp. Member detailed are hereby ordered to attend these lectures without fail.

The same lecture will be held on Thursday, 8.1.48 at 17.45 hours sharp for members detailed from No. 3 Company.

PART II Training
Lectures on Police Regulations will be given to recruits and members of No. 4 Company every Monday and Thursday at 17.45 hours sharp under S.I. (R) Chan Ying Pan, at the H.K.P. (R) Headquarters.

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Excuse Fails
That his wife had run away with another man and he had returned to Hong Kong to find her was the excuse offered to Mr. J. G. Conklin by Leung Fook when he appeared at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of breach of a deportation order.

Defendant was sentenced to six months hard labour and to be rebanded at the termination of his sentence.

Insp. H. Brownrigg prosecuted.

New York, Jan. 6.
Crude rubber futures closed unchanged to 10 higher with sales of 167 contracts. March 22.40, May 21.30 July 21.35, September 20.90.

No. 1 ribbed, smoked sheets 23 nominal.—Associated Press.

"At Home" To Lady Grantham

The Committee of the Hong Kong Women's International Club will be "At Home" to the Club's Honorary President, Lady Grantham, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Club Rooms in Gloucester Building. Lady Grantham is scheduled to arrive at 5 p.m.

It was announced yesterday that from next month, hot mid-day meals will be served at the Club. At present, only light refreshments—sandwiches, home-made cakes, tea and coffee—are served between 8.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays only.

Women guests are temporarily not permitted owing to lack of additional space, but gentlemen friends of members are welcome for tea and coffee between 10 a.m. and 12 noon and from 4 p.m. onwards. Guest cards, however, are available for friends passing through the Colony.

Drunken Driver Fined \$ 500

For driving a motor vehicle in Queen's Road Central at 9.15 p.m. on Monday while under the influence of drink, to such an extent that he was incapable of having proper control of the vehicle, Chee Chi-hung was fined \$500 by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Mr. d'Almada also ordered the suspension of his licence for one year.

WAR MEMORIAL FUND

Subscriptions received on Jan. 5: P. d'A.R. & C.M. \$40. Grand total \$3,734,025.76.

The donation of \$1,000 from China Emporium Ltd. (received on Dec. 12, 1947) was their second donation.

DONATIONS

The Boys' and Girls' Club Association acknowledges, with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions:—

Hong Kong Social Welfare Council \$3,000.00, B. Bernacchi \$1,000.00, Tse Hing Club \$500.00, To H. \$700.00, Roy Farrell Export & Import Co., Ltd. \$300.00, Anon. \$300.00, Wang Kee & Co. \$500.00, Diocesan Boys' School \$400.00, Secretariat for Chinese Affairs \$2,000.00, Gilman & Co., Ltd. \$250.00, True Light Girls' School \$754.10.

Unofficial Justices of the Peace were entertained to dinner by His Excellency The Governor at Government House last night. Sir Alexander Grantham will be host at a similar party to be held there this evening.

Passengers leaving Hong Kong for Tsingtao are no longer required to possess valid certificates of vaccination against smallpox.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. Insp. Brownrigg prosecuted.

B.O.A.C. Reveal A Big Deficit

London, Jan. 6.
The British Overseas Airways Corporation lost \$8,076,844 during the year ending March 31, 1947, it was announced today.

The loss will be a considerable burden for the taxpayer, according to the annual report of the Corporation, one of Britain's three main State-controlled air services.

The report followed announcement of the loss of \$2,000,000 by the British European Airways.

It said that the main causes of the deficit were the multiplicity of the types of uneconomical aircraft which the Corporation had used, the delay in the delivery of "Tudor" aircraft and the consequent changes in plans, "with their financial repercussions."

"An outstanding reason for the losses is that, with the present types of aircraft, even with a high load factor, receipts barely cover direct operating costs," the report said.

Heavy deficits would inevitably continue until the Corporation had aircraft and the facilities to make it "financially self-supporting in a highly competitive international business."

The report said the Corporation had a "good record of safety" over its 270,000,000 passenger miles for the year.

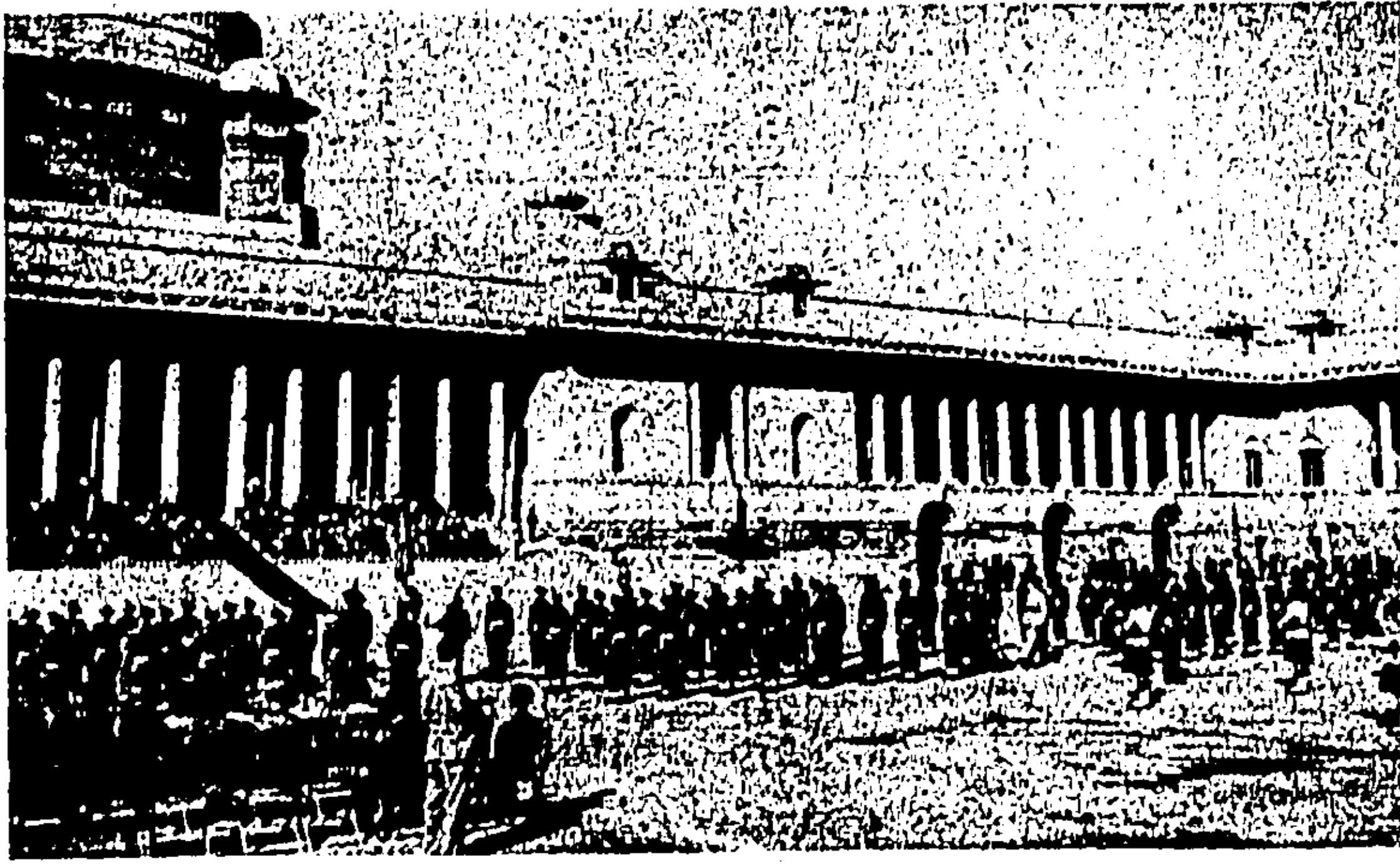
The loss represents a "little more than 600 per cent increase" over the 1946 loss of \$1,300,000.

Not Racketeers
Defendants were not dealers in gold nor racketeers. Hiding the gold as they did was for safe keeping and not to prevent detection as any one would know that they could not get through the vigilant Revenue Officers. He said that he had been instructed to state that they were ignorant in what they did.

In view of the fact that the value of the gold was about \$40,000,000, the fact that it was hidden in the gold was not a crime.

Any newcomers will be very welcome, and they are reminded that the Stage Club's regular radio plays are the most fruitful recruiting ground for the larger productions.

Farewell Parade In India



The farewell parade of the last battalions of the British army to be stationed in Delhi, India—the First Battalion the Royal Scots Fusiliers, and the Second Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment—was held in the forecourt of Government House on Dec. 19. Photo shows a general view of the force lined up before Government House as Earl Mountbatten inspects last line of soldiers. (He can just be seen slightly right of centre, walking down the line.) (A.P. Photo.)

Stassen Outlines Foreign Policy

New York, Jan. 6.

The Republican foreign policy programme should include the calling of a United Nations Convention in 1950 to re-write the United Nations Charter, in particular to eliminate the big power veto in the Security Council, said Mr. Harold Stassen, a candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, today.

Mr. Stassen, speaking to a group of young men, outlined a five-point programme which, he said, could by 1955 "result in the inability of the Kremlin to wage an aggressive war and would diminish Communist strength in other nations."

His proposals included:
1. — The imposition of curbs on excessive credit in the United States to decrease the deflation.

2. — Placing the Marshall Plan on a sound business basis without quibbling or politics to delay and handicap it.

3. — The maintenance of a strong military position and the expansion of air power and resources.

4. — The cessation of exports to Russia of heavy machinery, machine tools and equipment which could become part of the Communist war machine unless and until the leaders in the Kremlin show, by definite agreement and action, that they will cooperate in the rebuilding of Europe.

5. — The inauguration of a world-wide campaign of ideas to combat Communist propaganda which should go far beyond the Voice of America broadcasts.—Reuter.

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RAID ON OPIUM DIVAN

A raid conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector C. J. Askew at 4 p.m. on Jan. 5 at 29 and 31 Woosung Street, first floor resulted in the arrest of Wong Ming, 30, and 14 opium addicts.

Wong, booked on the charge of keeping a divan at 31 Woosung Street, and possession of two mace of prepared opium, failed to appear in Court and had his bail of \$500 entrusted by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Two of the smokers who answered to the charge of smoking were fined \$20 each. The other 12 had their bail of \$25 each entrusted.

Inspector J. Orem applied for the confiscation of the six pipes, six lamps and 43 small pots of opium seized.

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PERSONAL

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6. Forms of application may be completed in the office of the Education Department, third floor, Windsor House. Intending candidates should call in person on any weekday (except Saturday) between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. before 17th January bringing with them their academic certificates, two photographs (passport size) and birth certificates. Applications made on or after 17th January will not be accepted.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the Office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Monday 12th January, 1948, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts in respect of 1946 and Re-electing Directors and Auditors.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,
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Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1947.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

It is proposed to hold a meeting on Thursday January 22nd at 6 p.m. at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (Mezzanine Floor) to discuss the future of the Society. All those who have at any time served in any capacity as Officers of the Society or are otherwise interested are invited to attend and to send their names by January 14th to Mrs. Mackichan c/o A.S. MACKICHAN Esq., Leigh & Orange, P. O. Building, HONGKONG.

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RUSSIAN DEMAND REJECTED

British Views On Japan Peace Treaty

American Stand Unaltered

London, Jan. 6. Britain rejected today a renewed Russian demand for a four-power Foreign Ministers' meeting to prepare a Japanese peace treaty and reaffirmed her view that the settlement should be drafted first by the 11-nation Far Eastern Commission.

A Foreign Office spokesman said this country favoured neither the Soviet proposal nor the Chinese plan.

China had called for a conference of the 11-nation FEC members but simultaneously insisted that decisions should be subject to unanimity of Britain, America, China and Russia.

Russia's note to China was reported to be under study in Washington.

Authorities on Far Eastern affairs in Washington said that although Russia now agreed that other members of the Far

Eastern Commission should be called in on a "consultative" basis, the latest proposal represented no fundamental change in Russian policy.

Informed opinion was that the United States would stand by its original proposal that all Far Eastern Commission nations should participate in the peace conference with identical voting power.

Meanwhile the State Department today denied that the United States had made any secret agreements with Russia or any nations regarding possible distribution of Japanese reparations.

The Department's statement said the United States acted

ACID THROWING IN CALCUTTA

Calcutta, Jan. 5. Acid and bottles were thrown at office workers on their way to work in some parts of north and south Calcutta while 21 persons arrested by the authorities after minor disturbances by strikers in various parts of the city.

A moving bus was attacked, injuring some passengers, and a tram set afire. —Reuter.

unilaterally to distribute the 30 per cent of the Japanese reparations pool which was available then to the four principal war-devastated countries.

This action was taken after Russia had rejected several American reparations proposals in the Far Eastern Commission. However, Russia was not included in the four countries which received such reparations—China, Great Britain for Malaya and Burma, the Netherlands for the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines.

The Department statement said, "This unilateral directive constitutes the only United States policy now in force as to distribution of Japanese reparations shares at this time." —Associated Press, Reuter and United Press.

Hamburg, Jan. 5. The dismissals of Germans in official and semi-official positions in the British Zone of Germany on "denazification" grounds was discontinued as from Jan. 1 this year, according to a British official announcement here today. —Reuter.

Tangible Results In Indonesia

Batavia, Jan. 5. "Tangible results" had been obtained in the talks during his stay, Dr. Louis Beel, the Netherlands Premier, who is returning to Holland tomorrow after his "routine" visit to Indonesia, told correspondents today.

But the future of the Indonesian Republic was a "dark cloud"



Jacob Kruyer (right) and Ernst Lemmer (left), leader and co-leader respectively of the Christian Democratic Union in the Soviet Zone of Germany who were recently ousted by the Russians, confer during a press conference they gave at the Party Headquarters in Berlin on Dec. 23. Lemmer told the newsmen it was impossible for their Party to carry on as an independent party in the Russian Zone. This leaves the Soviet-sponsored, Communist-dominated social unity party as the only major political party in the Soviet Zone. (A Photo)

Greece Increases Armed Forces

Athens, Jan. 5. The United States and Greek Governments have agreed to the formation of 100 battalions of the National Guard and a further increase of the Greek Army by 12,000 men, Mr. Dwight Griswold, head of the United States Air Mission to Greece, announced tonight.

The Mission is studying Greek Army requirements for mountain warfare, including artillery. Mr. Griswold told M. Themistocles Sophoulis, the Greek Prime Minister, and M. Konstantin Tsaldaris, the Vice-Premier, tonight.

The Mission was providing \$500,000 additional help for the Greek Army and for refugees from the Epirus fighting area, he said.

Stiff fighting was continuing today in the Konitza area near the Albanian frontier, authoritative military sources, stated in Athens tonight.

The guerrillas were said to be putting up a tenacious resistance round the Konitza perimeter, although they were dislodged from their stronghold in nearby Lycornoros Heights.

All their attempts to recapture this position failed. Guerrilla artillery activity was reported, but the fire was returned by Greek Government batteries supporting mopping-up operations northwest of Konitza, these sources stated. The Greek Air Force claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on the guerrillas, who were said to be leaving the heights around Borzani Bridge and withdrawing to the north. The western area of Konitza was definitely cleared, it was claimed. —Reuter.

FLOOD TOLL

Paris, Jan. 5. An estimated 1,117,000 francs damage and five deaths were caused by the present floods in Eastern France, it was announced today at a meeting of the General Council of the Moselle Department, which was most seriously affected by the floods. —Reuter.

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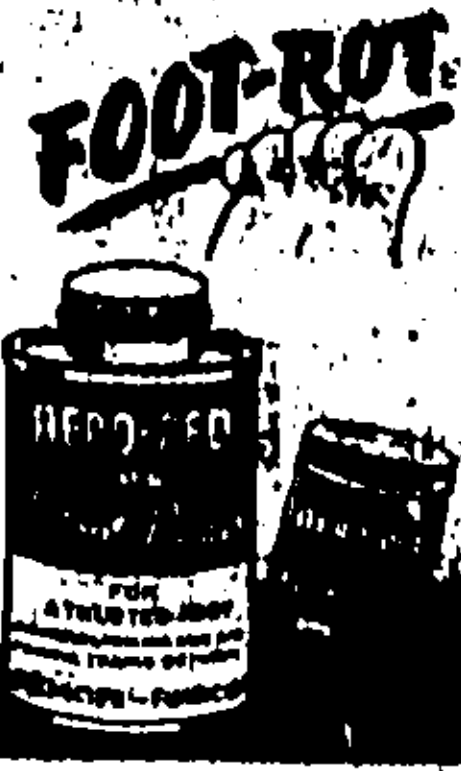
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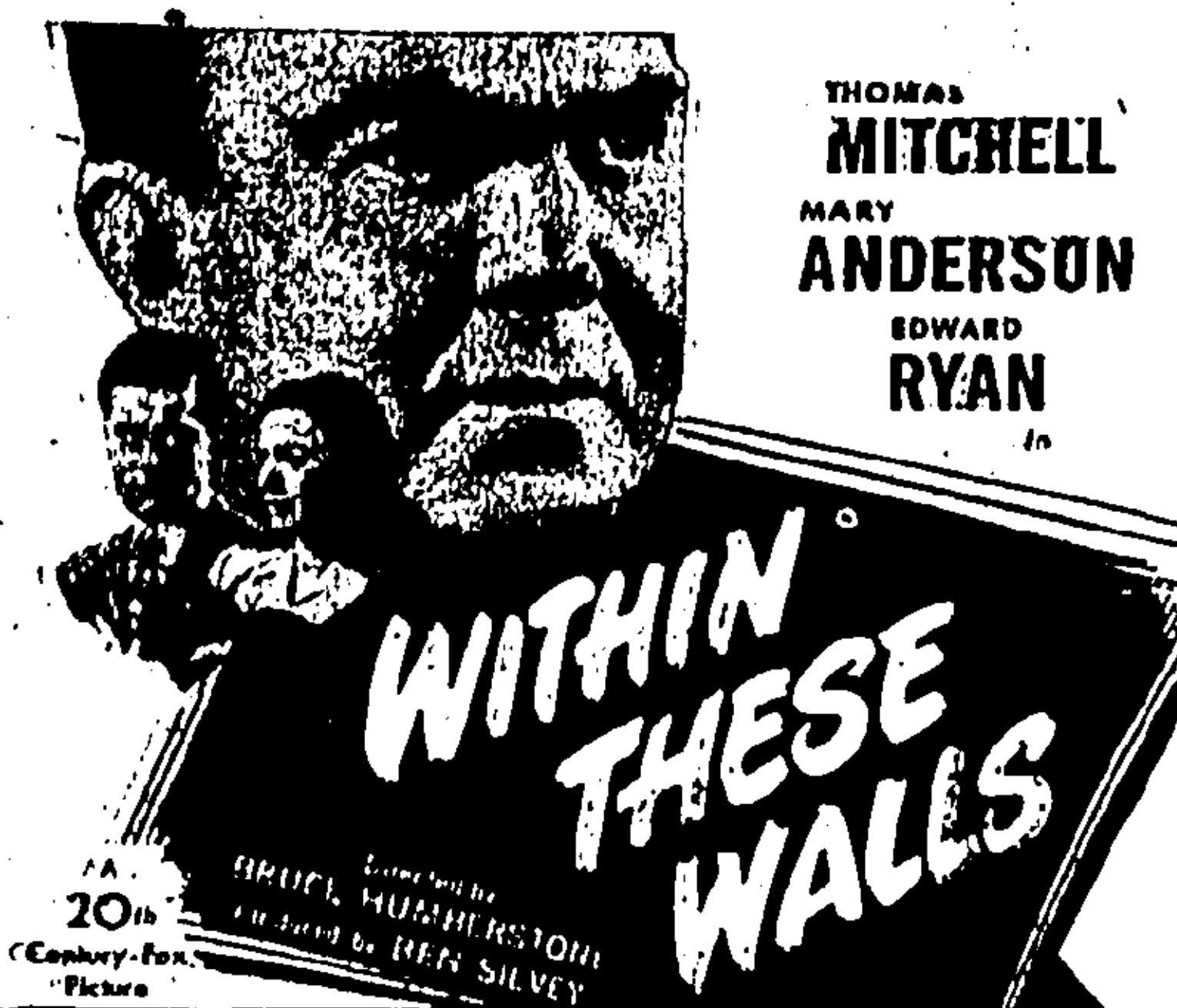


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CHRISTIAN ROLE IN CHINA

Central Part Of Government Process

They Were Very, Very Near

LONDON, JAN. 5. BRITISH MINERS CAME WITHIN 300,000 TONS OF REACHING THEIR OUTPUT TARGET OF 200,000,000 TONS FOR 1947, ACCORDING TO PROVISIONAL FIGURES ANNOUNCED TONIGHT.

They mined a total of 199,700,000 tons.

Mr. Hugh Galtakell, Minister of Fuel and Power, declared that there would be disappointment that the target had not been reached but "we were very, very near."

The provisional figures of last week's output showed that miners dug out 3,100,000 tons against the 3,400,000 tons needed to hit the target.

New Year holiday absenteeism was largely responsible for last week's abnormally low output. Three of the eight major coalfields had holidays of varying length. In other fields, the miners took time off unofficially. Some Yorkshire collieries could not open.

Although they did not hit the target, the miners, who have been making an overtime spurt since the autumn, easily beat their previous year's output which was only 191,790,000 tons.—Reuter.

U.S. Raises Shipments Of Coal

Washington, Jan. 5. United States coal exports will be increased early in February to 3,225,000 tons, the Department of Commerce announced today.

The January quota was 3,500,000 tons.

February shipments were to be divided as follows among European recipients: France 422,000 tons, Italy 702,000 tons, Belgium 405,000 tons, French North Africa 81,000 tons, Greece 18,000 tons, Netherlands 171,000 tons, Norway 18,000 tons, Portugal 72,000 tons, Sweden 207,000 tons, Switzerland 90,000 tons, Austria 36,000 tons, Venezia Giulia 18,000 tons.

In addition, parts of the January quota not taken up by Denmark, the Netherlands and Eire were to yield 45,000 tons each for Belgium and Switzerland and 18,000 tons for Italy.

Coaling stations and Middle East railways will get 108,000 tons out of the February quota.—Reuter.

SOVIET ATTACK ON TURKEY

Moscow, Jan. 5. Turkish reaction had become "the mid servant of her Wall Street masters," Pravda, official paper of the Soviet Communist Party, today charged, in reporting the "Communist hysteria" in the Turkish press.

Pravda said that the Turkish papers were filled "with lies about the Soviet Union and the new democracies intriguing against Turkey."

This anti-Communist propaganda, Pravda alleged, was being used "in increasing doses in the vain hope to stifle the growing discontent of the masses in Turkey."—Reuter.

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Hollington Tong's Appeal

Shanghai, Jan. 6. In a radio address to Christians in China over the Christian Broadcasting Station here last night, Dr. Hollington Tong, Director of the Government Information Office, said: "Christianity today is playing a greater role in China's national life than it has ever played before."

He asked them to define their stand. Never before had there been a time when so many Christians were in Government service and were holding high and powerful positions in the country's national life, Dr. Tong said.

He mentioned the names of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Chang Chun, the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan and Vice-Chairman of the National Government, and Dr. O. K. Yui, the Finance Minister, among the many Christians who were a central part of the governing process.

Dr. Tong urged Christians to soberly ask themselves what it would mean to Christianity and to themselves if the Communists should prevail in China.

He warned his listeners against the Chinese Communists, who, like their fellows elsewhere, he pointed out, were an expression of anti-Christ in the Chinese national life.

"Christians have found that the present government has given them the scope and the opportunity to carry out their Christian duties that no previous National Government has done," said Dr. Tong.

"They are a central part of the government process."

Free World

Concluding, Dr. Tong declared: "The hope of China's future depends on whether it remains a part of the free world."

"The hope of the Christian Church in China is inseparably bound with the fate of free institutions in this nation."

"As Christians, we know that, despite our trials, right will always win in the end."

"It will win in China. And its victory will mean a radiant Christian future for our people."—Reuter.

Ruhr Food Strike Threatened

Duesseldorf, Jan. 6. Food strikes are threatened in many parts of the Ruhr this week after the announcement today of the week's rations—2,500 grammes of bread and 250 grammes of macaroni.

No meat or fat rations have been announced this week. Only a few people have been able to obtain their small meat or fat rations in the past few weeks.

Some 1,500 workers at the railway wagon building yard in the suburbs of Cologne stopped work today in protest against the food situation, the German news service in the United States Zone reported and strike meetings were called in several factories in Duisburg today.

In Hamburg, employers and trade union leaders decided to appeal to striking dockers to return to work immediately, declaring that the strike was illegal and interfered with Germany's food supplies from overseas.

The workers' demands—a five-day guaranteed week, 30 per cent wage increase and special food and clothing allowances—were stated to be under discussion.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 casual workers stopped work at the Hamburg docks in what Port authorities described as a Communist-inspired strike.

The men were joined by workers from two shipping lines, the Aloman Line and the Hansa Line.—Reuter.

Islands Littered With H.E.

MANILA, JAN. 6. EXPLOSIVES ENOUGH TO BLOW THE CITY OF MANILA TO BITS ARE STILL SCATTERED UNTOUCHED THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE PHILIPPINES, AND CASUALTIES FROM THE MISHANDLING OF THE REMNANTS OF ORDNANCE STOCKPILES OF THE AMERICAN AND JAPANESE ARMIES—THOSE KILLED OR MAIMED EVERY WEEK—AVERAGE 30 PERSONS.

This has just been disclosed by the bomb disposal squads of the Philippine army under Captain Pablo P. Gabriel, who said 25,000 tons of explosives, furnishing an extremely dangerous but potentially rich industry for illegal users of powder, still lie all over the island, more than two years after the last war.

In Manila and the suburbs alone, according to the officer, 3,000 tons of engineering and ordnance explosives including land mines remain to be discovered and disposed of. These, he said, may yet deal sudden and violent death to the unwary.

Other places where heavy concentrations of explosives abound are Davao, Mountain Province, Batangas, Zamboanga, Marikina, and Marikina, which were once the sites of ammunition dumps or scenes of battles.—Reuter.

Racket In Silver Coins

LONDON, JAN. 6. BLACK MARKETEERS AND TAX DODGERS THREATEN TO PARALYZE EVERYDAY BUSINESS. LIFE IN BRITAIN WITH A NEW RACKET—THE HOARDING OF SILVER COINS.

Fear that the Bank of England was about to call in the present bank note issue and replace it with new notes caused a rush to amass coins, which has depleted the bank's silver coin stocks to only one-tenth of its holdings a few months ago.

Rumours have been circulating for some time that pound notes be called in and replaced by a new issue to counteract the hoarding of notes by black marketeers and tax dodgers and to stop the illegal flow of sterling notes from abroad.

Ministerial answers in the House of Commons have pointed out that replacement of the present bank note issue was not imminent, but left the impression that such a move had not been ruled out completely.

Banks in several large towns have been forced to limit the amounts of silver coin issued to any one customer.—United Press.

K.C.R. Fire Suspect Arrested

Canton, Jan. 6. For setting fires on trains of the Canton-Kowloon Railway a suspect has been arrested in Shihlung, 30 miles east of Canton, and was brought to Canton last night.

He commanded about 100 men who were engaged in smuggling and banditry.

Meanwhile, Governor Wang Tung-yun of Hunan expected here today to discuss with Governor T. V. Soong methods of bandit suppression on the Kwangtung-Hunan border and the lifting of rice embargoes from Hunan to Canton. The Governors of Kiangsi and Fukien will also come to Canton concerning joint pacification of the four Provinces.

Observers believe that banditry in Kwangtung will be under control within three months.—Associated Press.

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MILITARY LANDS

Major-General Erskine's open invitation to the Government to take up actively the question of the resumption of the Military Lands which now block commercial development in the central areas of Victoria and Kowloon, can permit of little hesitation. On the island, no intelligent town planning scheme is possible without scope for expansion towards the east from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. In Kowloon, Whitfield Barracks is equally an intrusion, prohibiting progressive development of Kowloon along normal lines.

One condition is attached to the G.O.C.'s offer of support for the proposal. It is that compensatory areas are provided elsewhere for the garrison, and that fulfillment of the transfer project shall be completed at no cost to the War Office.

As a bargaining point, it is one with which this community can have little quarrel. More than twenty years ago, an independent assessor from England, valued the Military Lands at \$17,000,000. The Colony was then prepared to buy them over at that price, and to pay for the cost of all barrack accommodation on new sites. The deal did not go through, unfortunately, because the Treasury's existing surplus was dissipated in the economic crash which accompanied the 1925 General Strike.

The proposition which the G.O.C. now advances is eminently more favourable. It asks for no down cash payment: it requires no more than what is reasonable, the provision of alternative accommodation on sites acceptable to the military on the outskirts of the built-up areas of the Colony.

Lands which were valued at \$17,000,000 in 1923, conservatively estimated, are worth three or four that sum today, particularly if the negotiations can be swiftly completed, and advantage can be taken of the present boom in land values. To consider only the Murray Parade Ground and that part of the military lands fronting Queen's Road, it is obvious that the scheme would go an appreciable way to pay for itself, with a distinctly good prospect of returning a profit.

Time is the essence of the contract. And when that contract includes such enormous benefits to not only to commercial Hong Kong, but also to its aesthetic values, there can be no excuse for delaying a decision.

French Politics

General de Gaulle's speech to French working people at St. Etienne contained no surprises, but it was impressive in its quiet assurance that the French people will turn round and in no distant time to the de Gaulle ideas of constitutional reforms, a stronger government and industrial cooperation between all branches of industry, from executives to labourers.

General de Gaulle's claim that each of the six Cabinets which have been in office since he abandoned power two years ago have left the economy of the country in a more parlous condition than its predecessor must be taken to mean that the general does not believe that the present government of M. Robert Schuman is likely to be more successful than the others, despite five votes of confidence in the debate on the "Save The Franc Bill."

But the main point of his speech was his bid to enlist the support of the rank and file non-

CASTING THE NET FOR SPIVS AND DRONES

By Glanville Carew

London. Such is the shortage of essential labour at the present time—several hundred thousand jobs are urgently waiting to be done—that the Government has found it necessary to order that every man and youth, woman and girl of certain classes and ages must register in January with the Ministry of Labour.

For the present, these classes (they may be extended later if national need compels) are street traders, persons not gainfully employed and persons engaged in certain specific occupations: men aged from 18 to 50 and women from 18 to 40 are required to register.

Even within those limits there are, of course, a great many exemptions, and many citizens are earnestly studying the details. The mesh of the net is fairly small and may yet be smaller if the catch be insufficient for the country's need.

At present, the exemptions do not include conscientious objectors to work but they do include married women and disabled persons: blind and deaf and dumb persons: full time students at a school, college or university, apprentices and article clerks: a minister of a religious community, and anyone who has to look after relations or friends who are unable to look after themselves. In the light of the latter exemption we may expect a great and surprising upsurge of filial and family devotion.

A Census

What it all amounts to is that the Government is to take a census of its industrial forces so that it may know just what man-and-woman-power it has at its command to meet a National emergency. It wants to know just what work Tom, Dick and Harry, Mary and Jane are doing today or are capable of doing tomorrow: whether they could more profitably be engaged in other and more essential tasks, and if any of them is not working at all (not gainfully employed) it will want to know why not.

Behind all this lies the ultimate power of the Government to direct every person, whether at present employed or at leisure, to do such work as may be deemed most essential to the national good. That is a situation which has never yet existed in peace time in modern times in this country and it gives much concern to some persons who talk at random about forced labour, and the feudal system,.... tyranny, serfdom and so on.

100 Years Ago

(From the files of the "China Mail")

On the 23rd instant, an Inquest was held at Show-ke-wan, the Coroner and Jury being conveyed there in the Police boat, on the body of a woman named Loongsee, who was killed in the following remarkable manner:-

A large rock fell from a hill several hundred yards in the rear of her dwelling, and splitting in several pieces, one of these, after making several bounds, fell against the rough stone wall of the house and knocked it in—the woman killed, was engaged in sucking or nursing her infant, when the wall fell upon and crushed her to death.

Strange to say the infant escaped with but little hurt—a man who was sitting near the deceased likewise escaped. The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

Marine Lot No. 65—the property of the late Mr. Thos. McKnight, Naval Storekeeper, upon which he had expended upwards of \$10,000 in shape of premium to the original purchaser—building a substantial sea-wall-filling in the ground, and building seven good China houses—the whole forming one of the best situations in the Colony, was put up to auction this morning pursuant to advertisement—and how shall we record it—knocked down for the enormous sum of \$201. We had better write it in full—Twenty Dollars!—The ground rent upon the plot is £124.16.9d. per annum, so that unless the Colony improves it will not prove a bargain even at Twenty Dollars! (Since writing the above, we have learnt that the purchaser undertakes six months back rent—some £60 to £70—but even with that, the plot yields no more than \$17 for \$10,000 invested.)

Communist trade union worker. He stressed the role which free trade unions, unhampered by any political allegiances, can play in the battle for better production, not only in factories but in the high administrative organs of the State and not only nationally but internationally. There was undoubtedly a powerful appeal in de Gaulle's exposition of his aims, though whether the country is ready for him or not at present is open to doubt.

However, we shall see what we shall see. For the present what will happen after registration is that Ministry of Labour Office will consider the case of each person involved and in some cases will offer (which means order) more essential work.

The Spivs

The inclusion of two of the classes registrable under the order attracts particular public attention: they are those no. gainfully employed and the street traders. Quite apart from persons of independent means known as such to the income tax authorities and admittedly not gainfully or otherwise employed, there are others who toil not neither do they spin yet they live well despite rationing. They are expensively clothed. They have no known employment and no known means of subsistence. Such folk may find it hard to show that they are in gainful employment but rather than be directed to essential work they are said to be doing their best to find cushy even mythical jobs. It should not be beyond the wit of the authorities to get behind these fantastic schemes—but they may work—for a time.

The street trader, who must register, is familiar to most of us. He is defined by the Ministry as one who sells articles in the street but not one who sells from door to door or delivers goods. The term also includes people who sing in the streets, street shoe-blacks, street photographers who snap passers-by and people of that sort.

Rights of Appeal

As to the specified businesses: employers and employed must register: the businesses specified include fun fairs, places for pinball machines and automatic machines and such like amusement. Book-makers, totalisators and pari-mutuel people. Certain types of club—must also register.

What will actually happen to the people who, so far, are called upon to register we do not know. Subject to certain rights of appeal, their fate lies in the hands of the Ministry of Labour. Despite all the professed fears of all sorts of people there is no real ground for supposing that anyone will be unfairly treated.

To whatever extent the order may yet be extended, and however carefully it may be drafted, some people will scheme to defeat it and some will succeed.

Hope of success in obtaining the labour required is no doubt best founded in the good will of the people. The Minister of Labour says:

I believe there are sufficient men and women of good spirit in this country who, realising that

TREATY PROTEST

Baghdad, Jan. 5. In a protest against the move for revision of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty held today, students demonstrated and clashed with the police. Thirty people were injured, five seriously. Negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty are being carried on in London later this week.—Reuter.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By SHEPARD BARCLAY

"THE AUTHORITY ON AUTHORITIES"

OTHER SUITS GUIDE YOU

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(Dealer: South, North-South vulnerable.)

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the nation needs help, will come forward and give us their assistance." To return for a moment to the street trader. However widely the term may be defined it will surely bring first and foremost to the minds of most of us our old friend the costermonger, so named originally because once upon a time he sold costards (apples) in the street.

"Essential"

Today he is more often known as a 'spiv'. He sells us our fruit (y, though usually quite unjustly, as a 'spiv'). He sells us our fruit and vegetables and flowers from the kerb. No doubt many of him will be left undisturbed as his work will almost certainly be regarded as essential. He is usually an honest, good tempered hard-working and somewhat broadly humorous sort of fellow whom the police and the magistrates look upon with a not too stern eye. Did not a well remembered bitter-sweet librettist once write: "When the coster's finished jumping on his Mither."

"He loves to lie a-basking in the sun."—United Press.

Professor C.E.M. Joad On The Value Of New Year Resolutions

Do you see any value in the making of New Year resolutions?

Yes. It is an agreeable and gratifying exercise. To make good resolutions entails a process of riddling or sieving your character, much as a man will riddle apples or sieve coals, so that all the little bad ones, the ones that are not good enough to keep, may be sieved out and eliminated, and only what is good remain.

Now, it is fairly clear that there is a need in human nature to do this kind of thing, a need to rake over and to make confession of one's weaknesses, even if one only confesses them to oneself.

The existence of this need is one of the great reasons for the popularity—and the lack of occasional satisfaction in ordinary life for the increasing popularity—of the Catholic religion. What fun to turn one's self inside out every now and then! How it gratifies one's egotism and flatters one's sense of self-importance, even if it does no more.

Now most of us no longer go to Church, which means that we no longer hold the doctrine of original sin and feel impelled to declare that we have "left undone those things which we ought to have done and...done those things

Doctrine We No Longer Hold

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CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"My country also asks assurance that we won't be attacked with the daytime radio serial!"

China Preparing For The Fray

By JOHN RODERICK

Both Mao Tse-tung and Chiang Kai-shek now have begun the New Year in China by calling for a purge within the ranks of their respective parties—the Chinese Communists and the Kuomintang—but each is spurred by different reasons.

Chiang told the first Kuomintang meeting of the year yesterday that disloyal elements must be eliminated. People in Nanking who know told Associated Press that Chiang in effect was cracking down on the Liberals within the Kuomintang who were discontented with the procedure of China's first national elections.

Chiang's speech was the next step logical after his January 1st message to the nation. Having flayed the Chinese Communists in this, he probably felt that he must turn his attention next to internal difficulties.

He pointed to the major defect in the Kuomintang, which political experts have been saying for years will result ultimately in its collapse. This is the looseness of the Party's organization, coupled with its low standards of admission. The Party lost much of its power a decade ago when it made membership almost mandatory for government workers.

Chiang proposes to correct this through reregistration of members.

Too Liberal

In North Shensi, Communist Chairman Mao Tse-tung also called for a Party purge. The Communist difficulty is with conservatives, not as in Chiang's case with too much liberalism. Mao wishes to get rid of the big landlords and rich peasants who are apparently gaining more power than the Party's Central Committee likes.

The basic defect in the Party, according to Mao, is the same which plagues the Kuomintang, though in a lesser degree—that is, the relaxed rules of membership.

Both messages by China's top rival leaders, which speak of Party reorganization and Party purges, point up the fact that the Kuomintang and the Chinese Communists each have roots in the Soviet Communist system as introduced to China 20 years ago by Russian propagandist Borodin.

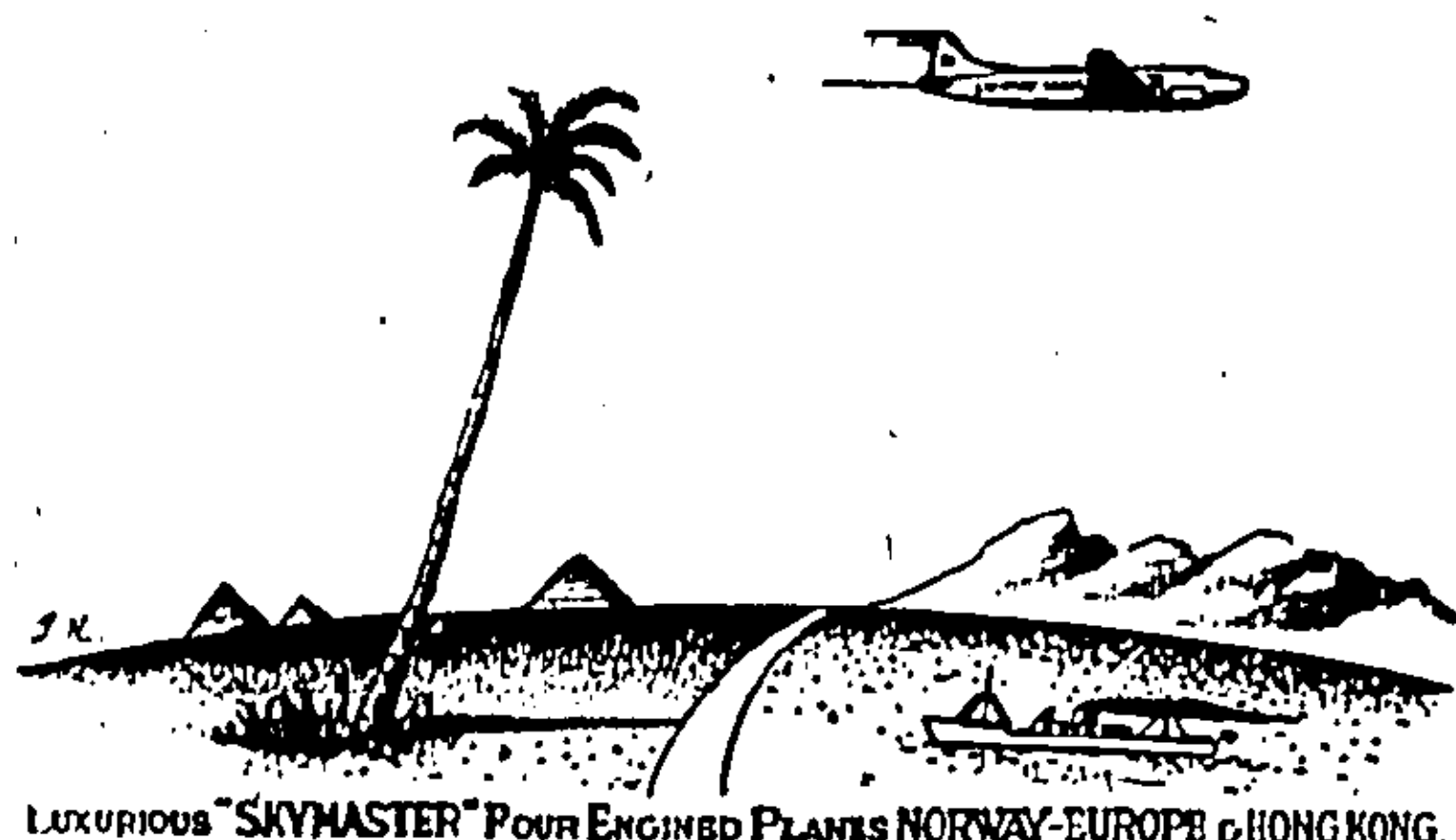
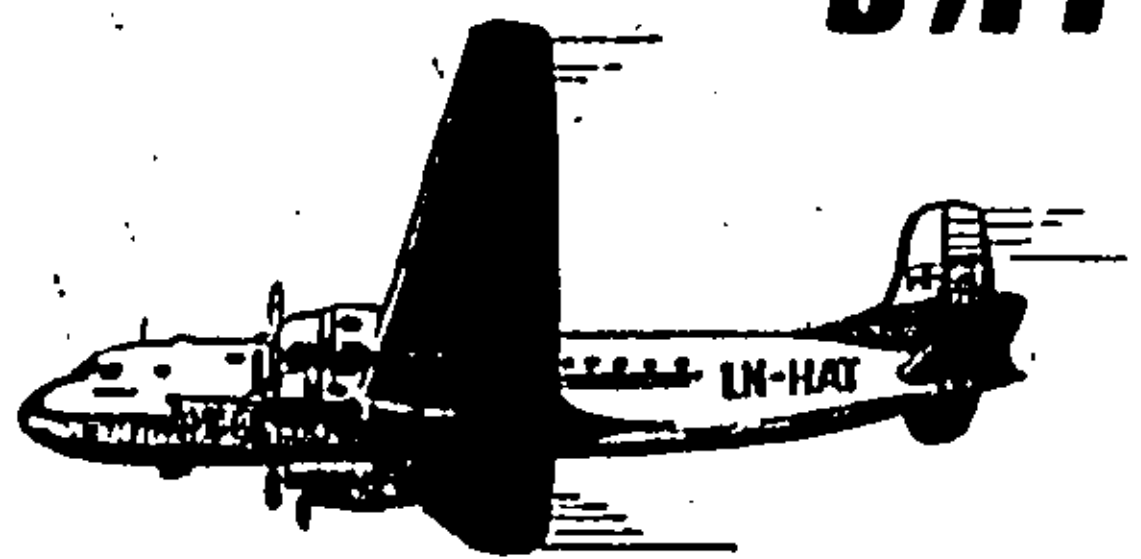
Secret Police

This system gets its chief support from Secret Police activities designed to silence public criticism, according to political experts. As if to underscore this basic fact, to-day's independent Chinese language newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" carried a report that 200 Secret Service men broke into the grounds of Chekiang University here two days ago and beat up students arranging for the funeral services of Yu Tse-an, a Hangchow student who died under police questioning in prison recently. Four students—three men and a girl—were badly hurt. Twenty suffered cuts and scratches. Eight assailants were captured by the students and turned over to the District Court. Associated Press.

TRUMAN'S DOCTOR SPECULATOR

Washington, Jan. 6. The Senate Appropriations subcommittee today received brokerage records of commodity market dealings of Brig. Gen. Wallace Graham, President Truman's personal physician. The records were obtained by a subpoena. The subcommittee began analyzing to determine how Graham made out in wheat speculation last September. Graham has claimed to have lost money.—United Press.

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SCHUMAN WINS A VICTORY

Votes Of Confidence In Assembly

"Save The Franc" Bill Passed

Paris, Jan. 5.

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman's, six-weeks old Coalition Government emerged victorious tonight in its struggle with the Communists and the extreme Right over the Cabinet's demand for approval of the "Save the Franc" bill, designed to raise 125,000 million francs by special levy.

After a day-long debate, the Government secured all five votes of confidence from the National Assembly, which rejected five amendments to the bill. The bill was adopted by 315 votes to 268.

M. Schuman had staked the existence of his "middle of the road" Government on the rejection of these five amendments to the bill, designed to check inflation and strengthen the franc.

He asked for five expressions of confidence through the rejection of "even consideration" of the amendments put forward on Saturday by the Communists and the extreme right wing.

These amendments, he said, would all tend materially to reduce the yield of the bill, already drafted by the Government after its original proposal to impose a levy bringing in 155,000 million francs had been bitterly contested in the Assembly.

Narrow Majority

Having thus far sought to meet the objections to various provisions of the bill, M. Schuman, when faced on Saturday with a brisk fire from both flanks of the Assembly, was adamant in opposing any further major modifications.

The amendments involved exemptions from the special levy for various categories of merchants, industrialists, farmers and bombed-out citizens and other war victims.

The first series of amendments was rejected by 308 votes to 272 and the second series by 308 votes to 271.

On the third vote, the Government's majority narrowed again slightly to 309 to 277, to widen to 308 to 269 on the fourth vote. On the fifth vote, the figures were 307 to 274.

These gave majorities of 36, 37 and 32, 39 and 33 votes.

The special levy—or alternatively an obligatory purchase of non-transferable three per cent bonds—will apply to industrialists, merchants, farmers and the professional classes whose 1946 revenue exceeded 450,000 francs.

The Object

The original bill was more restricted in its scope, making the levy apply only to incomes of 750,000 francs and over.

The object of the bill is the quick withdrawal of a large sum of money from circulation, and the balancing of the 1948 budget.

After giving this series of confidence votes, the Assembly approved Article 3 of the bill, which deals with farmers' liability to the proposed special levy.

The deputies who first assembled at 8.30 a.m. GMT, reached their decision on the first series of amendments by 11 a.m. and then adjourned until 2 p.m.

The first vote was on amendments which sought "exemptions from expenses" from the special tax for some industrialists and merchants. The second amendment sought exemptions for small farmers.

One Consideration

Before the bill had been adopted, the Premier told the Chamber: "We know we are going to vote measures which are hard, strict and sometimes even perhaps unjust towards the taxpayer, but we do not exclude the possibility of making certain modifications when we see how the application of these measures are put in practice."

M. Schuman went on: "I hope those who opposed the Government will have the satisfaction, or perhaps the adverse, of seeing the Government succeed in its task."

"After the vote is taken, I hope all of us will serve the country."

"We must be governed by only one consideration—this is France."—Reuter.

Communist Attack On Attlee

London, Jan. 6.

Britain's Communists launched a verbal attack today in the wake of Prime Minister Attlee's denunciation of Communism as a "new form of imperialism" threatening the rest of Europe.

Russian Interest In East

Berkeley, Jan. 6.

DR. ROBERT J. KERNER, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAID TODAY THAT SOVIET RUSSIA CANNOT ALLOW ANY OTHER GREAT POWER TO DOMINATE CHINA, JAPAN AND KOREA WITHOUT ENDANGERING ITS OWN SECURITY.

He said: "But the United States cannot permit Russia to dominate this area. To do so would mean Russian domination not only of Asia but the Pacific and would endanger the security of the United States."

Dr. Kerner believes that whether Russia became the dominant power in this area during the next century depends on the future power of the foreign policy of the United States.

"It seems clear that the main emphasis in Russian foreign policy will follow a shift of Russian economic power eastwards," he said.—United Press.

IMPORTANT TALKS IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, Jan. 6.

Preliminary discussions began here today for a conference next Wednesday of German Ministers of the British and United States zones of Germany and General Lucius Clay and General Sir Brian Robertson.

An official of the bi-zonal administration declared tonight that a French representative might take part in Wednesday's conference.

Great importance is attached to this conference following the breakdown of the Foreign Ministers conference in London last month.—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION FOR SIAM

Bangkok, Jan. 5.

A 40-man Constituent Assembly is to draw up a permanent constitution for Siam, according to a decision taken by the Parliamentary Committee appointed recently to consider the matter.

Half the Assembly membership will be from the present Parliament, while the other half will be selected by Parliament from the public.

The Assembly will be asked to submit the draft constitution within four months of starting work.—Reuter.

Children To Have Important Rights

Belgrade, Jan. 6.

YUGOSLAV CHILDREN HAVE IMPORTANT NEW RIGHTS UNDER A LAW GOVERNING THEIR RELATIONS WITH THEIR PARENTS PASSED BY THE YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENT.

The law was passed primarily in the interests of children, but it also stated that the authorities "do not forget that marriage and family are important institutions of social life and under the protection of the State."

The provisions of this law, therefore, are not aimed at weakening these institutions, but rather, at "strengthening and consolidating them."

The new law condemned the "pre-war patriarchal conception of family." Henceforth, both parents will have equal rights and duties towards their children and maternal inferiority is eliminated.

It also guarantees equal rights for all children, whether born in or out of wedlock.

A child ceases to be a minor at the age of 18, but the new law states that parental control over a child may be extended if the child's physical or mental condition requires it.—Reuter.

MALAYA RUBBER STATISTICS

Singapore, Jan. 6.

Rubber exports from the Malayan Union for November, 1947, totalled 64,435 long tons. Of this amount 39,007 long tons was shipped to foreign ports and 25,428 went to Singapore, the Registrar of Statistics for the Malayan Union reported.

Rubber imports during the same period were 4,150 long tons, mostly from Sumatra.

Stocks on hand as of Nov. 30 were 80,275 long tons.

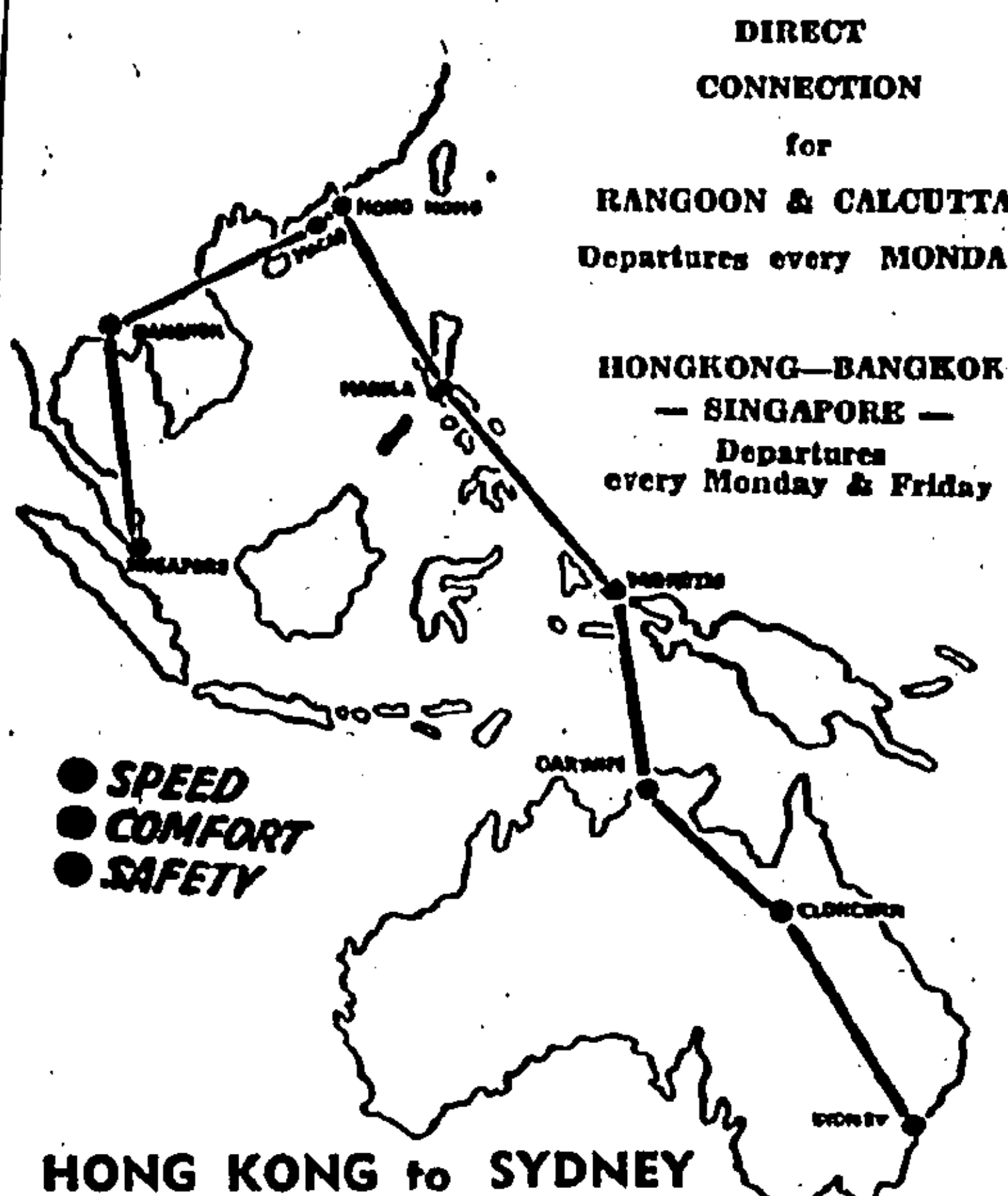
Rubber stockpiles decreased 6,136 long tons over the period Oct. 30 to Nov. 30.—Associated Press.

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Italian police are seen arresting a citizen (centre), when they attempted to disperse the crowd gathered in Piazza Colonna, in Rome, on the first morning of the general strike. There was no indication of a demonstration and the crowd consisted mainly of persons curious to see "what would happen" (A.P. Photo).



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"PILLOW PREGNANCY" CASE Extraordinary Story In Divorce Lurid Details In Ankara Court

Istanbul, Jan. 6.
Newspapers and citizens here this week have been wagging their respective tongues over the lurid details of the trial in criminal court of the "case of the pillow pregnancy."
According to testimony brought out in court Kemal Temizhan was a devoted husband who loved his wife, Fatma. He loved her until he discovered that she would never bear him a child. Then he began to leave his wife at home in the nights and seek entertainment elsewhere.

IT WAS FUNNY

Copenhagen, Jan. 6.
"Funny," said a young Copenhagen housewife, to her girl friend as they were bicycling in a suburban street, "to-day it is exactly one year since I was taken to the hospital the last time."
The next moment she crashed into a parked car, bumped her head and was taken to the hospital right away.—Associated Press.

Warning To China

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
In a lecture here yesterday Dr. Meng Hsien-chang, a Central Bank economic expert, warned that China must not give up her veto right at the forthcoming Japanese peace conference, in order to prevent a repetition of "the tragedy of the Versailles conference wherein China was secretly betrayed by the participating powers."
Dr. Meng also said there was little chance of pushing through such proposals as the return of the Ryukyu Islands to China if China surrendered the veto power.
Among the nine points which he thought should be included in the Japanese treaty were the allocation of 50 percent of the total Japanese reparations goods to China, abolition of the Tientsin system, return of the Ryukyu Islands to China and the outlawing of all kinds of secret societies.—Reuters.

Now Fatma loved her husband dearly too, according to her own testimony. She mourned the fact that she could bear him no child. She knew that he loved children and more than anything else in the world wanted a child of his own. She decided to go to a doctor to see what could be done.
Nothing could be done, said the doctor, and she went from one doctor to another. Finally she found Dr. Asim Omar, said trial testimony, and he told her something could be done. For 5,000 lira (£500) he promised to arrange a pregnancy and a baby. In order to hold her beloved husband, Fatma agreed.

Daughter "Born"

Kemal was overjoyed when his wife told him that at last a blessed event was in the making, said court testimony. In fact he became a devoted husband again and even agreed to the strange orders of the new doctor that as husband and wife they were now to sleep in different rooms and because of her nervous and delicate condition he was not to touch her.
As months went by, anxious Kemal saw his wife go off to visit the new doctor regularly and watched signs of her "delicate" pregnancy increase. Then, one fateful day, a telephone call came to his office that his wife suddenly felt pains, was carried off to the hospital and a daughter was born.
Off Kemal dashed to the hospital and was so glad that he was not suspicious. Not even when he saw his new daughter had dark hair and skin, while both he and his wife were blond and fair.

Later the difference became so great he began to doubt and one day accused his wife of being unfaithful. Fatma burst into tears and in order to protect her honour confessed. No, she wept, she had not been unfaithful but the pregnancy was a pillow swindle. The baby, she confessed, had been bought from its gypsy mother for 300 lira.

Husband's Decision

In a towering rage Kemal beat his wife and left her, according to testimony. He hopped his rage upon Dr. Omar, had him dragged into court and accused him of creating his own wife's pregnancy with padding to earn 5,000 lira.
The court, which has been deliberating the case in alternative sessions for months, still has not reached a decision. But Kemal, the man who love children, has reached his.

Of his wife, who strapped pillows and bought a baby to hold his love, who is now in hospital suffering nervous collapse, he wants to hear no more. There must be a divorce, he says.
But the baby produced by this pillow strategy: "...is now my daughter. I love her and want to keep her."—United Press.

Russians Boycott Little Assembly

Lake Success, Jan. 5.
The United States today made a double-barrelled plea for conciliation with Russia when the United Nations "Little Assembly," boycotted by the entire Soviet bloc, met for the first time.

The United States delegate, Mr. Warren Austin, in the first speech from the floor, asked

Rates Go Up In Shanghai

SHANGHAI, JAN. 6.
TO KEEP UP WITH THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL, ALL PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES IN SHANGHAI THIS MORNING ANNOUNCED INCREASED RATES.

It was stated that in future rates will be based on automatic formulas approved by the National Economic Council in Nanking.
Under these formulas electricity rates are calculated according to three factors—fuel costs, metal index and living index; water rates are calculated according to fuel, electricity, foreign exchange and the living index; telephone rates are calculated according to the metal index and the living index and the rates are calculated according to fuel, foreign exchange and the living index.—Reuters.



Adjutant Dorothy Stevens of the Salvation Army performed the unusual ceremony of marrying her brother at the Congress Hall, Clapton, London, on Dec. 27. The bridal couple were Peter Stevens, handsman with the Salvation Army, and Janet Henry, a nurse. Adjutant Stevens travelled from Germany to officiate at the Salvation Army wedding. The groom is wearing the uniform of a Sergeant Royal Engineers. (A Photo)

WASHINGTON TALKS ON AID FOR CHINA

Washington, Jan. 6.
State Department experts and Chinese officials will meet today to work out details of how the US\$18,000,000 United States interim aid to China will be spent.

The meeting is expected to result in definite determination of categories of supplies to be furnished under this credit, as well as actual tonnages for each item.

So far only two items—food and fertilizer—have been definitely agreed upon to come within the scope of this "stop-gap" programme. It was expected that some petrol and cotton may be included if the Chinese are unable to find enough suitable food during the three months of the programme.

The Chinese have been allocated 68,000 tons of rice for the first six months of this year and it was expected that some of the interim money would be used to pay for about half of this rice.

Long-Range Plan

Informed circles said no industrial equipment or other "non-expendable" material would be included in interim aid because of the desire to abide by the "stop-gap" nature of the measure.
Meanwhile, State Department officials were working on details of the long-range 15-month

Shanghai Cabaret Closure

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Half the number of local commercial dance halls and cabarets will close down by drawing lots before the end of March and commercial ballrooms and cabarets will entirely disappear by the end of September, it is reported today.

To make the necessary preparations for the gradual closure of the dance halls, Dr. Wu Kai-hien, the Commissioner of Social Affairs, has called a meeting of cabaret owners for this afternoon.

The Commissioner disclosed that detailed regulations governing the banning of commercialized dancing in Shanghai have long been approved by the central authorities but have been withheld from promulgation due to repeated appeals from local cabarets for postponement of the ban until after the New Year.—Reuters.

Prediction For Shanghai

Shanghai, Jan. 6.
Mayor K.C. Wu predicted "better conditions in Shanghai this year" when addressing the first monthly 1948 meeting of the Shanghai Municipal Government staff members.
He recalled that during the past year the municipal authorities exerted most of their efforts in solving disputes and unexpected events in order to maintain peace and security in the city.
Conditions this year will probably be better than last year, he added, and, therefore, more emphasis will be laid on municipal reconstruction.—Reuters.

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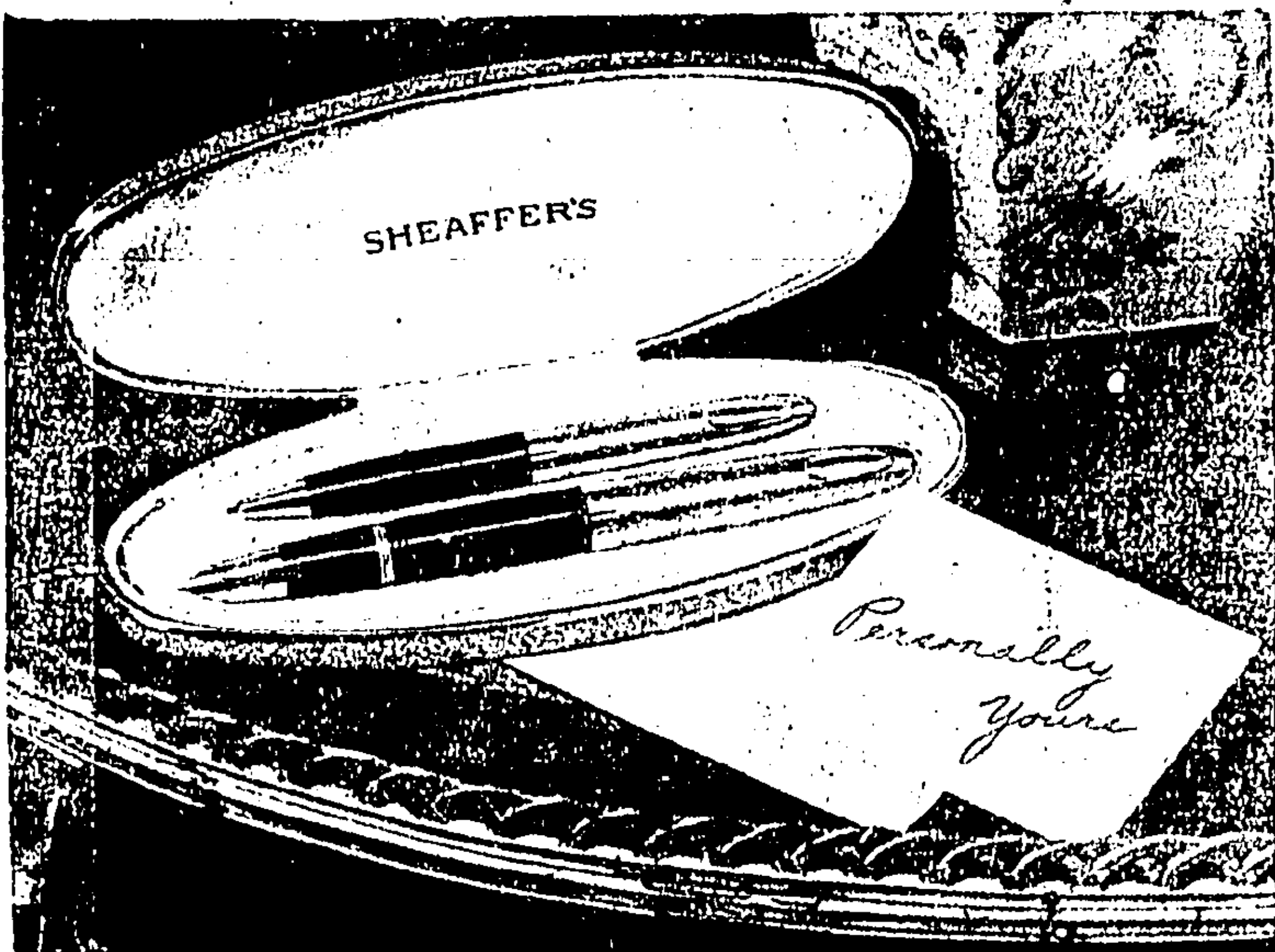
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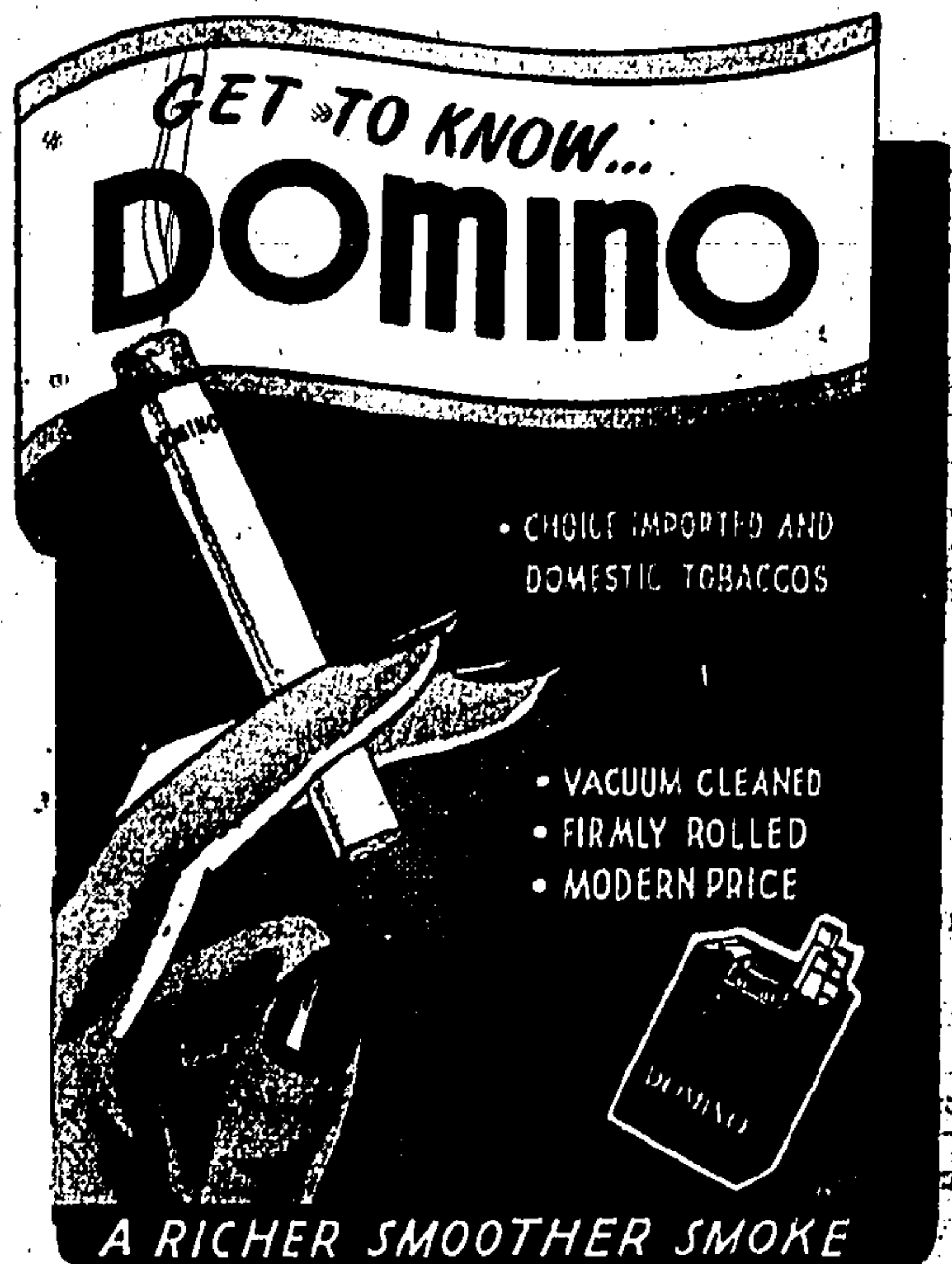
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New Siam Rice Company

BANGKOK, JAN. 5. SIAM'S GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ABOLITION OF THE PURCHASING BUREAU AND THE TRANSFER OF ITS FUNCTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT-OPERATED TRAIL RICE COMPANY IN NEW MEASURES TO PROTECT SIAM'S RICE TRADE AND TO PREVENT LOW QUALITY RICE BEING SHIPPED ABROAD.

It was understood that Siam's December rice shipments amounted to 52,100 tons, while another 34,040 tons are now being loaded, 16,400 tons for China, 9,870 tons for India, 3,930 tons for the Netherlands East Indies, and 1,210 tons for Burma.

Bodies ensuring the quality of exports, about which Malaya has complained recently, the rice company will build up stocks for local consumption and will handle the whole country's paddy for distribution to the mills.

The company itself operates nine mills. The former Premier, Thawi Hunyakit, Chief of the Purchasing Bureau, has been managing director of the Trail Rice Company.—Reuter.

Lausanne, Jan. 5:
Ex-King Michael of Rumania arrived here today at the end of his two-day journey from Bucharest.

A big basket of red and pink carnations decorated with the Rumanian colours was brought to the hotel for Queen Helen soon after her arrival.

Major Jacques Vercootti, Michael's aide-de-camp, said tonight that Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma would probably come to Lausanne. "But we do not know when," he said. "It is not certain how long we shall be able to stay in Switzerland. We have not yet received permission to stay here longer than tomorrow."

It had earlier been announced in Bern that Michael has been granted permission to stay in Switzerland temporarily. He made no request for permanent residence. It was understood.

The ex-King and his suite have been given ordinary Swiss visas valid for three months.

Mystery Boy

Michael and his mother Queen Helen and 28 members of his suite were met by Michael's uncle, Prince Nicolas of Rumania, and his aunt, the widowed Duchess of Aosta, who are staying with him at the hotel.

Police Uncover Illegal Arms

New York, Jan. 6.
The 65,000 pounds of TNT taken on Saturday from the Palestine-bound American freighter **Executer** lay in a lighter in New York Harbour today as the police found more military material in the warehouse from which the original shipment came.

Included in the new discoveries were mine detectors, walkie talkie sets and several hand trucks, loaded with blocks of metal described by officials as a type easily melted down to bullets.

The police were seeking two men connected with the warehouse, from which the explosives and other materials came, and have questioned the owner of a lorry business, one of whose vehicles delivered the explosives to the Jersey City pier.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, called in by the Customs Service, would make no statement, and the Coast Guard Service was equally reticent.

Customs officials said explosives for export required special permits and must be properly labelled.

The police wished to question Mr. Julius Chender, 27-year-old electrical engineer, in connection with the ownership of the warehouse, but his parents said that he had been in Paris for the past two years.

"Alpers"

Mr. Chender was quoted today by correspondents of the American-owned National Broadcasting Company in Paris as denying that he owned such a warehouse or that he was engaged in shipping arms or ammunition to Palestine.

"I have been interested in the Palestine situation since I was a kid," he told a correspondent. Mr. Philip Alpers, believed to be acting manager of the firm occupying the warehouse building, was another person the police wished to question, but at his address it was learned that he had been away all week-end.

The owner of the lorry business, William Hoffman, one of whose vehicles delivered the shipment of explosives to the Jersey City pier, said that when renting his lorries to the company which apparently operated the warehouse, he dealt with a man named "Alpers."

Mr. Hoffman declared that he feared his lorries to "Alpers" two or three times a month.

The officials of the American Export Line said that the **Executer** would sail for Marseilles and Mediterranean ports, including Haifa, tonight as originally scheduled.—Reuter.

THEY'RE A BIT DOUBTFUL

Moscow, Jan. 6. The Russian press today reported without comment the advent of a British independence but in a headline put questions about the world independence.—Reuter.

NO WORD OF MISSING U.S. MARINES

Taipei, Jan. 6. Five American Marines, missing since Christmas on a hunting trip which took them into Chinese Communist territory, are still unheard from at Marine Headquarters here.

Marine sources refused to give details surrounding the disappearance of the men, except to say they had gone hunting.

A Chinese source said that the jeep belonging to the party was found beyond government lines, but showed no signs of violence.—Associated Press.

security police travelling on the train and railway officials. Ex-King Michael's reasons for abdication from the Rumanian throne were: Political and only political. The King's private secretary told a Press conference in Lausanne tonight.

The Abdication

"The King will issue a statement in a few days but I do not know whether he will want to withdraw any of the statements in his abdication declaration," the secretary added.

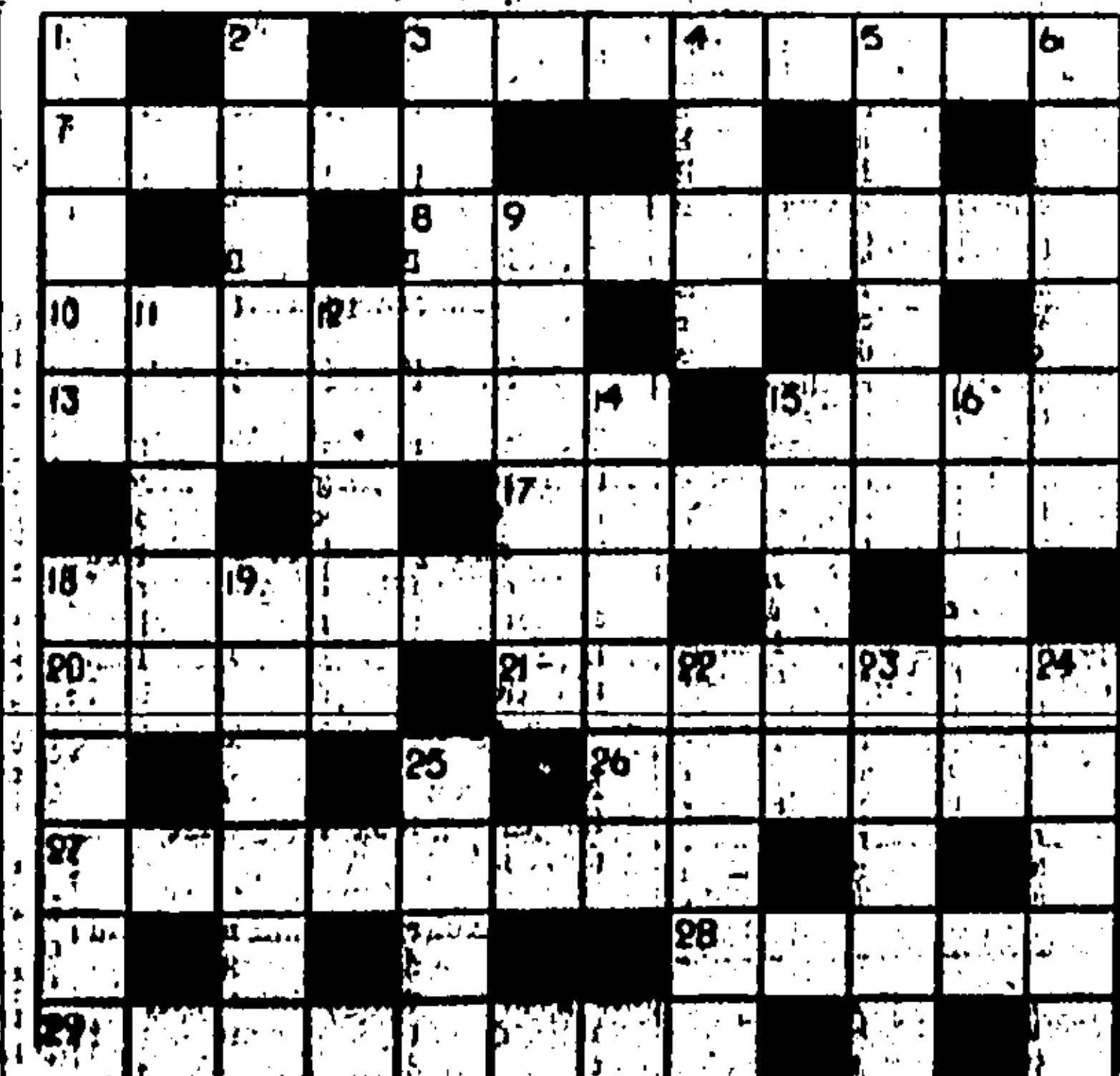
The King has brought very little money with him and he has absolutely no assets abroad his secretary said.

The administrator of one of the King's properties in Rumania remained behind to negotiate with the Government about their disposal. The King has not been allowed to bring with him his famous collection of jade which is still in his palace at Sinaia.

Meanwhile, a message from Copenhagen says that Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma after a lengthy telephone conversation today with Michael said: "Is it not wonderful that he is perfectly safe?"

The Princess was speaking in her home in Copenhagen in the presence of her family. Her cousin, Prince George, said that she could see nobody tonight as she had a bad cold and was going to bed early.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- Gifted.
- Come in.
- Skilled.
- Workman.
- Consistent.
- Table.
- Support.
- Existence.
- Lured.
- Lower.
- 20 Flap.
- 21 Falls down.
- 22 Frequent.
- 23 Tied.
- 24 Separate.
- 25 Remaining.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Spatch, 2. Reach, 3. Haven, 4. Impair, 5. Gaped, 6. Ocean, 7. Dear, 8. Next, 9. Middle, 10. Elder, 11. Kites, 12. Gilt, 13. Admire, 14. Glad, 15. Dying, 16. Brief, 17. Silly, 18. Decant, 19. Down: 1. Swindler, 2. Appeared, 3. Cuck, 4. Harried, 5. Rhythmic, 6. Rascal, 7. Corp, 8. Scattered, 9. Straight, 10. Murderer, 11. Divided, 12. Leader, 13. Inlet, 14. Tide.

Clues Down

- Minimum.
- Perilous.
- Emphatic.
- Foreign.
- Calamitous.
- Spurred.
- Softly.
- Command.
- Turn.
- Remains.
- Make.
- Certain of.
- State of excitement.
- Disagree.
- Falls to.
- sec.
- Award.
- Fullblow.
- Condition.
- Nurse.

15 New Vessels For China

SHANGHAI, JAN. 6. THE CHINA MERCHANTS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LARGEST CONCERN OF ITS KIND IN CHINA, EXPECTS TO PUT ANOTHER 15 AMERICAN BUILT SHIPS IN SERVICE BY NEXT MONTH. IT WAS REVEALED BY MR. SHEN SUNG LIEN, THE ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF THE COMPANY.

He also disclosed that negotiations are already under way for the purchase of big ocean liners of more than 10,000 tons from foreign countries.

Shipping circles here predicted that the total Chinese shipping tonnage this year will be increased from 950,000 tons to 1,500,000 tons.

The new ships which China will acquire this year will include 11 from Canada and six from Britain, all purchased by the Ming Sun Shipping Company, a private concern.—Reuter.

U.S. Sends Marines To Med.

Morehead, N.C., Jan. 5. United States Marines estimated to be 300-400 strong sailed today for the Mediterranean.

Virtual wartime secrecy was clamped on the operation, but waterfront watchers reported that they had full combat equipment, including tanks and guns.

The two transports loaded with Marines left a day ahead of the departure date mentioned in the Navy announcement last week. The Marines' mission, according to the announcement, was to reinforce warship personnel in Italian and Grecian waters, but they carried heavy weapons and other equipment usually used in land operations, including bulldozers. They rode to the docks in jeeps and trucks.

Coincident with the abrupt sailing came the Navy announcement that Vice-Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, top-level strategist, would take over command of the United States Mediterranean Fleet from Vice-Admiral B. H. Blier in the first week of February.

Admiral Sherman, who is 51, has been Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.—United Press.

Trieste Issue Deadlock

Rome, Jan. 6. Italy and Yugoslavia appeared to have reached a deadlock today over the choice of a government for Trieste and it seemed most unlikely that any agreement would be reached by midnight tonight—after three hours set by the United Nations Security Council.

The talks, requested by the Council, had so far resulted in complete failure, at the Italian Foreign Office.

Three names suggested by Yugoslavia have been turned down by Italy as have two names put forward by Italy.

Today, Italy suggested a third name, but the Yugoslav reaction was not known.

If no solution is found, Italy and Yugoslavia will inform the Security Council of their inability to reach an agreement.

It was presumed that the United Nations would then make up the responsibility of choosing a Trieste governor.

The closest reserve was being maintained on the names suggested by Italy and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

MOSQUITO PLANES FOR CHINA

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 6. Owners of the Canadian freighter, **Islandia**, said today that the vessel would sail for China on Friday with six Mosquito aircraft and 600 tons of ammunition for the Chinese Government.

The owners said the sailing date was set after the members of the Canadian Seamen's Union had decided to man the vessel.

Earlier the crew had walked off the **Islandia**, protesting the shipment of munitions to China.

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"TREVETHOE"	Shanghai	27th Jan.
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"EMPIRE BRENT"	Bombay via Straits	20th Jan.
"OZARDA"	Shanghai	22nd Jan.
"TREVETHOE"	U.K. via Straits	24th Jan.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.
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Canton, 2 p.m.

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Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tainan and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m.

Tainan and Calcutta, 10 a.m.

Holbow and Amoy, 10 a.m.

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 noon.
 Singapore via Bangkok:
 Jan. 7, Cathay Pacific, 2.30
 p.m.
 Jan. 9, BOAC (Capt. Rudd),
 2.10 p.m.
 Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.
 Jan. 7, H.K. Airways (Capt.
 Raeburn), 3.30 p.m.
 Jan. 10, H.K. Airways (Capt.
 Varley), 3.30 p.m.
 San Francisco (via Honolulu,
 Wake, Guam, Okinawa,
 Shanghai):
 Jan. 8, Pan-American, 4.45
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 San Francisco (via Honolulu,
 Wake, Guam, Manila):
 Jan. 7, Pan-American, 12.45
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 Saigon:
 Jan. 9, Air France, 2 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:
 Jan. 7, BOAC (Capt. Simco),
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 Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Need-
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 Singapore via Bangkok:
 Jan. 9, Cathay Pacific, 7 a.m.
 Singapore:
 Jan. 10, BOAC (Capt. Rudd),
 7.30 a.m.
 Manila:
 Jan. 7, Philippine Airline,
 7.30 a.m.
 Jan. 7, Cathay Pacific, 12.30
 p.m.
 Jan. 8, Cathay Pacific, 1 p.m.
 Shanghai:
 Daily, CNAC (DC4), 11.45 a.m.
 Jan. 8, H.K. Airways (Capt.
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 Jan. 10, H.K. Airways (Capt.
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 Saigon:
 Jan. 7, Air France, 7.30 a.m.
 Jan. 10, Air France, 7.30 a.m.

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 —Reuter.

BEVIN FACED BY A LOT OF WORRIES

London, Jan. 5.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, will return to London from a short holiday on Wednesday.

Among priority subjects for his attention are the aspects of British policy in Germany and consideration of the latest Soviet note on the Far Eastern peace settlement.

His report on the situation arising from the failure of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers, containing possible alternatives which now face British policy, is known to be completed.

The Foreign Secretary is expected to receive on Wednesday the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Ronald Campbell, now visiting England, to discuss the usefulness of reopening the talks with Egypt on revision of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty.

Sir Ronald will, in the meantime, discuss with officials of the Foreign Office the impressions which he had gathered from his latest exchanges of views with the Egyptian Government.

Reports from Cairo that a ready-made groundwork of mutual concessions exists for a resumption of the talks are being treated with caution here.

There is no official confirmation of Egyptian willingness to make concessions on the subject of the Sudan nor of British readiness to fix an early date for the withdrawal of troops from the Canal Zone.

There is some evidence that Egypt might be ready to re-examine the Sudan question, provided that a formula can be discovered which does not appear as an admission of defeat on the issue which the Egyptian Government unsuccessfully carried to the United Nations.

Mr. Bevin will probably also meet the Prime Minister of Iraq, Sayid Salim Jabur, on Wednesday to open negotiations for revision of the Anglo-Iraq treaty.

The Iraq Premier is expected in London tomorrow evening or early on Wednesday.—Reuter.

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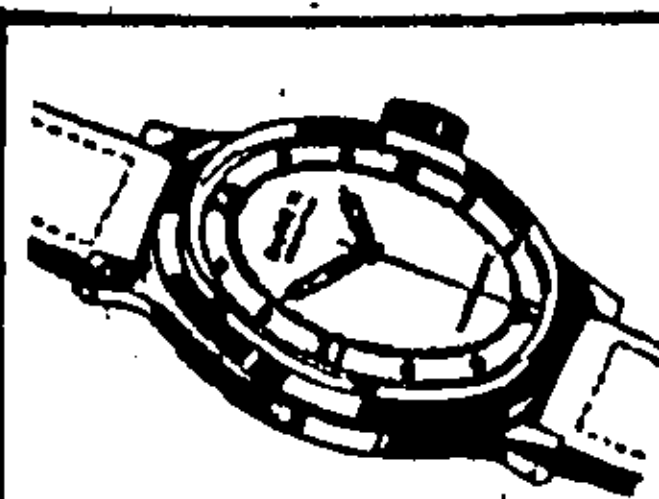
ARRIVALS YESTERDAY

Chiffide (Doddwell), 4,450 tons from Singapore (Capt. J. W. McMunnale) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Denbighshire (Jardine's), 5,895 tons from Singapore (Capt. W. F. Dork) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Empire Williams (Jardine's), 275 tons from Saigon (Capt. C. E. Harris) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Macoma (A.P.L.), 4,716 tons from Manila (Capt. E. Roukema) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Nan Chuan (Ta Hing), 2,398 tons from Saigon (Capt. P. Volante) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Free Munroe (A.P.L.), 1,157 tons from Saigon (Capt. J. E. Murphy), K. Wh. ... 11.45 a.m.
 Prosper (Everett), 1,471 tons from Saigon (Capt. A. S. Bunn) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Tainan (H. & S.), 2,001 tons from Saigon (Capt. A. Gamar) ... 11.45 a.m.
 Hwa Siang (Ho Hong) ... 11.45 a.m.

DEPARTURES YESTERDAY

Empire Farrar ... Hongkong.
 Free Munroe ... New York & Havana.
 Fenelon ... Japan Ports.
 Leeward ... Singapore.
 Mid Hook ... Hongkong.
 China ... Saigon.
 Bangkok ... Saigon.
 Hwa Siang ... Saigon.
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"Indoor" Events At The Yacht Club

Home Football Results

The following are the results of football matches played on Saturday, Jan. 3, and previously reported owing to bad wireless reception.

SECOND DIVISION

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THIRD SOUTH

Bournemouth	4	Brighton	1
Bristol City	1	Nottingham	0
Exeter	2	Swansea	1
Port Vale	1	Northampton	0
Rangers	5	Bristol R.	2
Reading	1	Southend	3
Swindon	1	Aldershot	0
Torquay	3	Palace	0
Walsall	1	Newport	2
Watford	2	Norwich	1

THIRD NORTH

Mansfield	1	Oldham	1
Accrington	2	Hull	1
Southport	1	Bradford City	2
Halifax	0	York	1
Carlisle	1	Grimsby	1
Chester	4	Tranmere	0
Crews	4	Derby	1
Lincoln	3	Stockport	0
New Brighton	1	Barrow	1
Rochdale	2	Wrexham	1
Rotherham	3	Hartlepool	2

IRISH LEAGUE

Ards	1	Glenavon	1
Cliftonville	3	Derry	0
Distillery	3	Bangor	1
Hellfire	2	Ballymena	0
Coleraine	2	Glenavon	3
Portadown	0	Liffield	2

—Reuter.

"Indoor" events took priority almost over sailing during last weekend at the Yacht Club, when on Saturday night a gala dinner-dance marked the opening of the newly reconstructed Ballroom and ancillaries on the top floor of the clubhouse on Kellet Island.

As it was essentially an opening event, no limit was imposed on numbers attending and so over 430 members and their guests sat down to dinner, leaving perhaps less space for dancing than the enthusiastic dancers would wish. In fact the floor at times was remarkably similar to the starting line about 30 seconds before the start of a big dinghy team sailing race, and not a few couples under full sail were starboard-tacked or luffed-up good and hard. However all added to the fun, and as the evening, and early morning—progressed, tables were pushed away and the dancers had their full fling.

Amongst those present were Vice Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C H.P.F. and a Patron of the club, with Lady Boyd; Commodore and Mrs. Robertson; Air Commodore and Mrs. Webster; Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Commodore of the Yacht Club, and Mrs. Croucher, and Mr. Landale, a past Commodore of the Club. Music was provided by C-in-C H.P.F.'s band.

Despite this party, and a farewell session on A.M.S. Adamant on Sunday forenoon, there was a reasonable turnout in the races held last weekend.

JUBILEES

The Jubilees had a good race on Saturday afternoon, the first three yachts completing a long course round Channel Rocks and Kowloon Rock in just over 80 minutes, and having a very close finish.

Symphony H.J.6 Hardy 1:22.00; Melody H.J.2 Beeching 1:23.5; Harmony H.J.1 Reid 1:23.40; H.J.3 Gompertz 1:26.55; H.J.4 MacKenzie D.N.F.; H.J.5 Crosbie D.N.F.

DINGHIES

There were two dinghy races over the weekend.

Saturday afternoon—Thebes II, Miss Cantopher, 1:11.11; Gambia I, Goodhart, 1:12.40; 51, Smith, 1:13.20; 1:13.20; Gambia II, Litchfield, 1:15.15; Thebes III, Kaye, Smith, 1:15.30; Cede Chiffon, T. J. Jones, 1:17.30; Tyne II, Williams Bushell, 1:19.55; Commodore II, Nealan, Holroyd, D.N.F.

Sunday afternoon—Stonecutters V, Miss P. Loeby, 1:06.20; Thebes I, Kay, 1:07.15; Gambia I, Corbett E, 1:08.50; Stonecutters I, Wright, 1:08.52; Cosack, Ruchburn, 1:11.20; Thebes II, Litchfield, 1:14.00; Gambia II, Cousins, 1:12.30; Stonecutters IV, Chidell, 1:13.10; Tyne II, Cantopher, 1:13.15; Byms, Goodhart, 1:15.20; Cede Chiffon, T. J. Jones, 1:16.15; Yellow, Smith, 1:18.20; Thebes III, Fuller, 1:18.54.

Details of the full Sailing Programme for the second half of the Season will be announced next week, meanwhile there will be the usual programme for Dinghies, Stars and Jubilees next weekend.

CRUISERS

The Cruiser owners agreed to meet two weekends in three after Christmas, and to race or cruise in company on alternate meetings. It is proposed to have a race next Saturday afternoon at 4.30, and a picnic cruise on Sunday starting at 10.30 prompt and making for one of the bays on Lamma Island.

The effect of the wet wicket on India's morale was largely responsible for the batting failure in the second innings; the only consolation India had was that the Australians were equally unfamiliar with the wet conditions, and disliked wet cricket as much as the Indians and no better.

One interesting point that arises from this tour is Amarnath's non-confidence in his leg spin bowlers. Sarwate and Nayudu have bowled 10 out of 159 overs, Ian Johnson, Dowland and Barnes have bowled 38 out of 95. Nayudu has taken one first class wicket, early in November.

Nayudu's longest spell was six overs. The Australian captains give spin bowlers long spells at a time. They get the cane, but they tempt to get the batsmen into errors. The result is that New South Wales spin bowlers have taken 39 wickets this season, Victorian 52, South Australian 23, Queensland 23 and Western Australian 19.

In contrast, three Indian leg-break bowlers have taken hardly any. India has lost the Test, but the lessons, if learnt, will help further to improve their standard and tactics. India played the best cricket of the tour, but with Bradman in his present form, they faced a task that was beyond them.—Reuter.

RECREIO TEAM

The following will represent Club de Recreio against Indian Recreation Club on Saturday, 10, at 8.00pm.

Dr. E. L. Gossano (Capt.), Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, A. M. Faria, A. P. Pereira, Jr., P. M. N. da Silva, J. L. C. Gossano, G. N. Gossano, J. M. Gossano, H. A. Barros, N. A. Barros, D. M. Rodrigues, The Marrieds, "Blacks," game boys, Best Posters, "Reds," game boys.



Ray Lishall (Liverpool's goalkeeper), left, leaps for the ball above three other players during the match between Arsenal and Liverpool on the former's ground at Highbury, London, on December 27th. Watching the ball, too, on the extreme right is Leslie Compton, Arsenal's centre-half. Liverpool won 2-1. (A Photo)

Tojo Begins To Buckle A Bit

A hard-faced Tojo defiantly placed his own case before the International Tribunal and made a special plea before the world for his Emperor and his country. He was the arrogant one-time dictator still when he ended his cross-examination with the rasping declaration, "I feel I committed no wrong" for the war which began under his government with the surprise attack on Pearl Harbour.

But he was only a desperate debater—hiding behind bombast and obscurity—when fighting at the end to clear his ruler and his nation.

Tojo never lost his composure during the climactic session. But he looked longer, the ceiling, stumbled more over his words, quibbled, more frequently over unimportant details and barked more loudly when possible.

His harsh voice fairly burned over the translation headphones when he discussed the role of the Emperor who (he previously testified) knew about Pearl Harbour in advance.

"It is a fact," he said, "that in view of my advice and the advice of the High Command, the Emperor consented, though reluctantly, to war."

U.S. "Defiance"

But when he made point-by-point discussion of the document—which, the Japanese claim, marked American "defiance"—Tojo saw nothing wrong with the words on paper. The "actual facts were different from the words," he added, because the United States was "threatening" Japan. It sounded as if he learned that one from the Americans; for at the same time the Americans were asking the Japanese for "deeds, not empty words."

Tojo casually shrugged off documents which showed the Government decided to employ force, if necessary, in securing a position in French Indo-China.

"All this was decided but it was unnecessary because the situation ameliorated" when the French capitulated to the Japanese demands.

The one-time Premier later said Henry Pu Yi, former Emperor of Manchukuo, had "betrayed" Japan's friendship by his testimony before the tribunal. He said it "rather forcefully" and that was understandable. For Pu Yi testified he and his State were controlled tightly by the Japanese military.

Manchuria

It was some time later when the President, Sir William Webb, asked Tojo if Manchukuo was "an example of respect for independence and sovereignty" that Japan had promised East Asiatic nations coming under her wing.

"I feel Manchukuo was one example," Tojo said.

So it all came back where it started. "Peaceful" Japan was "benevolent" toward the nations she conquered. And when the session ended, Tojo still wore his poker face; but he must have known how his upturned hand looked to the western world.—Associated Press.

"CHINA MAIL" TROPHY FOR SOFTBALL

(By "Grandstand")

At a meeting of the General Committee held at the Softball Association's Headquarters on Monday night, it was announced that the Association had accepted a Trophy presented by the "China Mail" to be competed for annually by the Ladies League. Other trophies donated so far are the Molten Shield for the Senior League and the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. International Shield.

During recent games, the ball had been batted right out of the playing field frequently and to avoid a misunderstanding on the part of base-runners, special ground rules were laid down by the meeting; also in view of the impending erection of a fence around the C.B.A. park, ground rules to cater to that eventually were also decided upon. They are as follows:

Rules

Unfenced playing ground. If a batted ball is hit clear out of the field, the batsman shall be entitled to a home-run, but if the ball bounds or rolls out of the field without it being handled by a fielder, then the batsman shall only be entitled to a three-base hit.

Fenced-off Ground. If a batted ball is hit clear over the fence, the batsman is entitled to a home-run, but if a ball rolls under or bounces over the fence, the batsman shall be entitled to a three-base hit. If the ball strikes the fence and rebounds into the playing field, then the ball shall be considered in play, and base-runners must make all they can.

Attention of all players is drawn to the fact that in accordance with the rules, even if a batsman is awarded a home-run under such conditions, the base must be run and touched in the regular order.

International Series

The meeting also decided that the annual International Series would be played off this year, the first round to take place during the Chinese New Year Holidays, that is, Feb. 10 to 11, while the Finals will be played off on Easter Monday, March 29. A fee of \$15 to defray expenses will be charged for all teams participating, and any team desiring of entering their Series should send in their entries with the accompanying fee, to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Hal Winglee, c/o The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S.C.) Ltd., Shell House, before the end of this month. The winner of the series will be awarded the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. Shield and will individually receive a medal.

With a view to bettering the "Umpire's lot" a special meeting of umpires has been called by the Umpires' Board for Monday, Jan. 12 at 5.15 p.m. at Prexy Molten's Office, Shell House, and it is understood that the question of remunerating umpires for their travelling expenses will be discussed.

Week-End Games

MEN'S "A" DIVISION

At C.B.A. Ground, 9.30 a.m.: Gossano v. H.K. Baseballers (Hal Winglee, Jack Brown, Bosco Gutierrez).

At Recreation Football Ground, 9.30 a.m.: Madocsa v. Police (Ramon Castro, J. Zelken, Joe Franco); 11.15 a.m.: South China v. Philippines (Don Robbins, Buster Holland, Bobo Samy).

At Recreation Football Ground, 11.15 a.m.: Recreo v. V.R.C. (E. Marquez, Ian Soukris, Romeo Hamet).

LADIES' LEAGUE

At C.B.A. Ground, 11.15 a.m.: Gossano v. Winglee (Don Robbins, Gus Hossario, H. Mendenhall); 2.30 p.m.: Madocsa v. Wildcats (Willard Lawrence, Billy Soares, Manlio Souza).

"Tiger Liu"

Tiger Liu turned Communist after affiliation with the so-called "South China United Democratic Army," of which Marshal Li Chai-sum reportedly is the commander.

The reports said Liu's bandits ransacked villages and attacked Kweihsing, a walled city 150 miles southwest of the provincial capital of Changhai and 220 miles south of the Yangtze, where Communist regulars are still manoeuvring to cross the river and invade South China despite the Government's naval patrols.

Changsha

Governor Wang Tung-yuan appealed to Nanking for reinforcements and garrison commands have been established at Changsha as well as Hengyang, strategic rail hub 100 miles south of Changsha on the Canton-Hankow Railway.

Kweihsing is about 50 miles east of the rail which would be the prime Communist objective in view of their policies in North China of disrupting communications through blowing up bridges, twisting rails and burning sleepers.

Army officials said the order was kept as secret as possible up to the time the conversion deadline to prevent the unfolding of a surprise jump, quantity of forces, and timing.—Reuter.

"BAFS" Become Invalid

Hamburg, Jan. 6. British occupation money—vouchers known as "Bafs"—became invalid at midnight Monday to prevent its further use by German racketeers.

The order, issued by the British Rhine Army Headquarters, said the money could be exchanged only in recognised pay offices.

The vouchers could be spent only by British troops in army stores and a few German stores but the Germans had been operating a black market in the currency.

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Anglo-Filipino Air Pact

An air agreement between the Philippines and Great Britain will be signed tomorrow at 3 a.m. GMT at the Malacanang Palace by the British Minister, Mr. Linton Harry Foulds, and the President of the Philippines, Senor Manuel Roxas.

The British air mission here during part of November and December included Air Marshal Sir John Baldwin, Mr. T. L. Hughes, both from the Air Ministry, and Mr. J. R. Moss, Director of Air Services, Hong Kong.—Reuter.

Hogan Scores Triumph

Los Angeles, Jan. 6. Defending champion Ben Hogan today scored his third Los Angeles open triumph, breaking his own Riviera Country Club course tournament record when he smashed through a four under par of 67 on a 72-hole course for a total of 275.

Hogan got \$2,000 for his victory.

Lloyd Mangrum, United States open winner in 1946, took second place with 279. Ellsworth Vines, former tennis champion, returned a total of 283 for third place.

Sam Snead and Ed Furgot tied for fourth place on 284. Bobby Locke, of South Africa, finished far back with 287.—United Press.

Red Guerillas In South China

Shanghai, Jan. 6. Communist bandits and guerillas in South China, coordinating with Communist attempts to cross the Yangtze River in force, stepped up their activities in an area 150 to 200 miles above Canton, Chinese reports said today.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has already taken cognizance of renewed Red guerilla activity in the Hunan-Kwangtung-Kiangsi border area and has instructed the newly formed garrison commands below the Yangtze to wipe out the long-dormant Communists in that area.

One of the strongest bands of Red guerillas, described as more than 2,000 strong, is under the command of Liu Hsiang-hu—"Tiger Liu"—one of the most notorious bandits in South China.

The same despatches also state that heavy attacks are expected on Mukden within the next two weeks—probably as the Communist forces at present concentrated in the Changwa-Fuku-Sinning triangular area northwest of Mukden have completed regrouping.

Another extremely strong and powerful Communist force, estimated at nearly 100,000 men, is said to be mustering northeast of Mukden in the Sian-Tungfeng-Sifeng sector.

It is believed here that this army, after completing preparations, will either strike eastward towards the strategic city of Szejingkai, on the Changchun railway, or northward towards the Changchun-Kirin area.

Other sizeable Red concentrations have also been observed at Tung, about 40 miles south of Changchun, and at points along the Changchun-Kirin railway.

Pro-Government military opinion here is that some of the most bitter fighting yet witnessed in China's protracted civil war will occur in the second phase of the Communist winter offensive, expected to begin momentarily in Manchuria.

Aside from strengthening defenses, the Government High Command has been busily preparing its outnumbered troops—which, however, include the majority of the Government's best fighting units—in the full of the past few days to meet the coming storm.—Reuter.